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# farewell to graduates

**“A passion to discover, a commitment to serve, a foundation of integrity ... those are the legacies of your Elon education.”**

When U.S. News & World Report named Elon the nation's number one “School to Watch” in fall 2008, we enjoyed the recognition, but immediately charged ahead on an exciting and rewarding academic year.

This was a year when environmental sustainability took on added importance on campus, and we were proud to incorporate a number of new practices to reduce waste and pollution and conserve energy and water. I hope we all look back on these efforts as the beginning of a change in our society's attitudes toward the environment.

Similarly, I hope we remember 2008-09 as the time when we launched a milestone effort to ensure Elon's financial base for future generations. The kickoff of Ever Elon: The Campaign for the Future of Our University during fall semester will pay dividends for students who follow in your footsteps. I hope you will take pride in the role you have played in creating Elon's future, and the future efforts you will make on behalf of your university.

This year included visits to campus by inspiring public figures, including Pulitzer Prize-winning historian David McCullough, former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, and CNN journalist Anderson Cooper. Their contributions to our intellectual discourse enriched our community and helped us understand Elon's connections to the wider world. It was a great pleasure to share with them the global scope of your studies and service.

As you page through Phi Psi Chi in the years to come, I hope you will remember these and many other events that have marked a turning point in Elon's history and in your own life. You were challenged by professors who understood you could reach much higher than you realized. You explored new places and met new people, perhaps studying abroad or becoming involved in rewarding service experiences. You made lifelong friends and expanded your horizons in ways that will only become apparent as you begin new careers or start a family.

Take advantage of every opportunity to advance the common good and contribute to society. Seek ways to push out of your comfort zone, serve others and discover your full potential.

And stay connected to Elon. You are part of our enduring family and we care about you deeply. Cherish your experiences here, and bring honor to our community by serving as a beacon of hope and a positive force for the world.

President Leo M. Lambert





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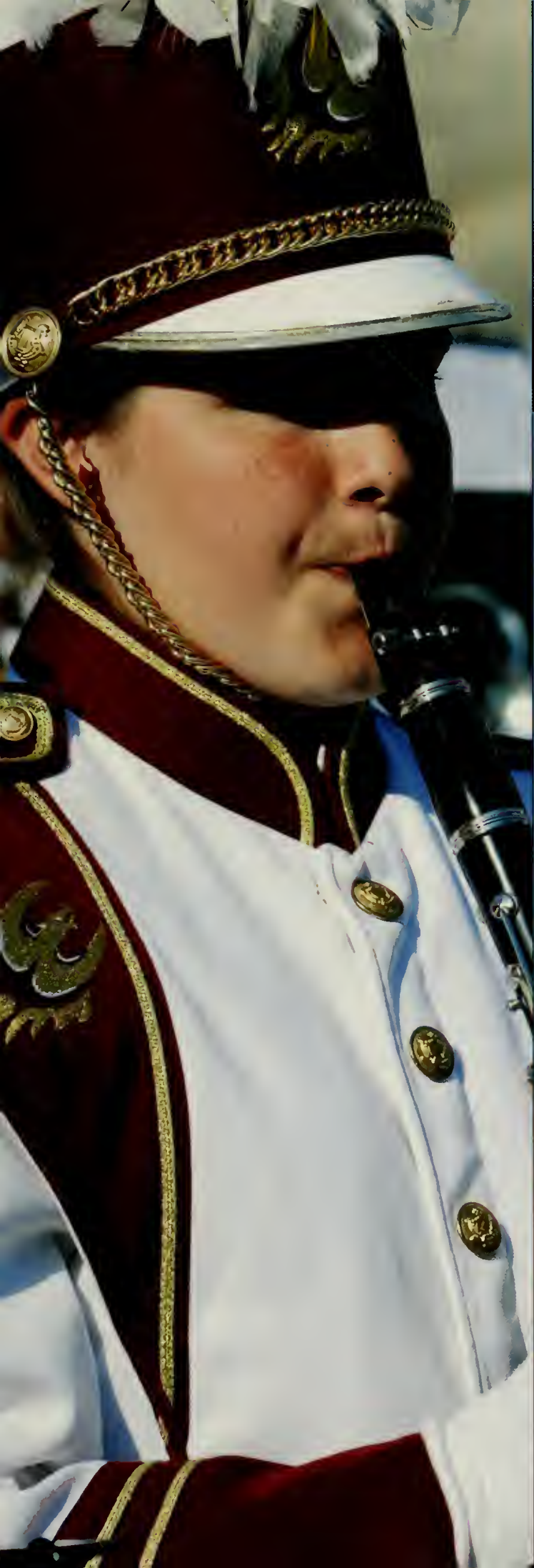






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**C**ollege is filled with moments that define who you are and who you become. From making the first memories at Elon carrying televisions and suitcases up stairs, to taking the last steps across the stage at graduation in May, you will never forget the journey through Elon's path.

The beginning stages of each year are filled with students flooding campus and local supply stores, getting acquainted in orientation and convocation, and going to movies on the lawn. Fall and Spring speakers give students the opportunity to learn about foreign cultures and broaden their focus. In the spring, many students participate in undergraduate research and prepare elaborate presentations for SURF day.

Weekly events including college coffee and chapel, bring faculty and students together creating a close sense of community. Together, everlasting memories are made that define Elon's students, but also, the Elon experience.

Story by Preston Stanley

student life





# m ove-in Day

August 29th, 2008 is a date that I will always remember.

It was a day of fear and excitement, of tears and smiles, of endings and beginnings. When my parents and I pulled into the parking lot outside of Staley, my nerves disappeared. We were greeted by some amazing upperclassmen. Their enthusiasm and willingness to help was so comforting, and they immediately made me feel as though Elon was

my home. This was extremely helpful when it came time to hug my parents goodbye. Although the moment was bittersweet, the busy schedule of orientation did not allow any time for tears. I could not have asked for a more exciting, overwhelming, exhausting, and amazing introduction to Elon.

- Kelly Little





From left to right: Faculty, as well as students, offer a hand on move-in day. Orientation leader Natalie Sayag hands out official Elon t-shirts to the incoming freshmen. Excited freshmen bring their belongings into their dorm rooms for the first time. Proud to have used the chair as a trolley, this mother enjoys rolling her child's belongings to the dorm. Photos courtesy of David Wells.





# Orientation

The crazy orientation weekend was full of surprises

– long meetings and icebreakers. We all got vital information that we may see as unimportant information but will help us in the long run. I had a really great time at the Community on the Commons and the free Ben & Jerry's ice cream! The best day, of course, was the last day of orientation. I really enjoyed orientation and my first few days at Elon. The school is wonderful, and the campus is amazing. I am looking forward to my four years here at Elon and graduating as a senior in 2012.

Story by Cedric Pulliam



From left to right: Stacey Markham, an orientation leader, reviews the convocation program. Parents and students gather around Foyville Fountain before convocation. Following the ceremony, the freshmen receive acorns to hold onto until their senior year. Photos courtesy of David Wells.



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In order to help freshmen adjust to college life at Elon,

resident assistants plan social activities and can help solve

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conflicts that may exist in the dorm. They also act as mentors the first-year students.

Many freshmen fear their RA because they think the RA is out to get them, but this is not the case. While RAs do make sure that their residents are following Elon's rules, they also help students adjust to their new lives and to help them meet new friends. Dorm meetings and activities help them to accomplish these goals.

Having gone through their own housing transitions, RAs know how to help the first-year students adjust.

Story by Lesley Cowie



From left to right: The North Area staff plays around with shower caps. The Danieley Center staff plays games to get acquainted with one another. The Colonnades staff has fun jumping on the trampoline. Joy Zhou, the RA of first-floor Carolina, decorates the hall for her residents. Photos courtesy of Danny Glassman and Lina Patton.





Family weekend included a variety of exciting events, beginning with a golf tournament hosted by the Phoenix Club and followed by opportunities to explore the campus.

Entertainment included performances by humorist Jeanne Robertson, performing arts students, music department faculty and comedian Rob Paravonian. The first presidential debate was also open for viewing in the LaRose Digital Theatre.

The weekend also provided chances for families to

interact with faculty by attending mini classes and "meet and greets" with students' professors.

Families had many chances to cater their activities to personal interests, but everyone from siblings to grandparents joined together for a family picnic before the highly anticipated football game. The Phoenix defeated the Samford University Bulldogs, 23-17, and left families with a familiar sense of Elon pride.

Story by Lina Patton

# family weekend







From left to right: Parents check in at Koury Athletic Center for the weekend. Prior to the football game, students decorate the back of a truck to welcome their parents to campus. This mother reviews the schedule for the weekend. These students discuss which events they are bringing their parents to. Photos courtesy of Lindsay Fendt.



# College Coffee

Elon University is a school that values tradition. College Coffee and College Chapel are weekly traditions that students and faculty can enjoy together.

College Coffee takes place on Tuesdays from 9:40-10:20 a.m. on Young Commons. During this time students and faculty can enjoy free breakfast, conversation and relaxation. Campus organizations often host College Coffee, in order to promote an event or issue. Some of the issues that have been promoted during College Coffee include ELONTHON and Blackout Elon.

College Chapel occurs every Thursday morning from 9:50-10:20 in Whitley Auditorium. It is a religious service open to all denominations. Many members of the community, as well as faculty and students, present lectures, art and talent during College Chapel.

Because Elon values these traditions so deeply, no classes take place during these times.

Story by Lesley Cowie



From left to right: This mother enjoys the complimentary breakfast during freshman orientation. During Homecoming, students enjoy free breakfast foods in the morning. These fathers take a break from the orientation festivities to have breakfast. This freshman enjoys her fruit after convocation. Photos courtesy of The Pendulum.







# Speakers

Every year, Elon invites a many speakers to visit campus.

Many of the speakers this fall were involved with Election 2008. They expressed their concerns and opinions about the presidential and vice presidential candidates.

Political analyst Charlie Cook visited in early September to share his balanced views on the presidential candidates. Looking at the fundamentals of politics, Cook predicted an Obama victory.

Dr. Stephen Zunes returned to Elon to reprise his lecture on

U.S. policy in the Middle East. Zunes' last visit to Elon was in 2002.

Zunes explained the importance of understanding foreign cultures before attempting to interact with people from particular cultures.

Noting the importance of the youth vote, many speakers visited

Elon to discuss the election and to inform students on the candidates.

Story by Lesley Cowen





*From left to right: Dr. Ocek Eke moderates a question-and-answer session with Newsweek editor Jonathan Alter. Jurate Kazickas talks about her free-lance reporting experience in Vietnam. Jonathan Kozol addresses the Elon students. Political analyst Charlie Cook predicts the outcome of Election 2006. Photos courtesy of David Wells.*





# Homecoming Week

Leading up to the Homecoming game on Nov. 8, Elon students participated in a variety of exhilarating events and competitions during Homecoming Week. These events were hosted by the Student Government Association. Held during the week of Nov. 3, this year's Homecoming Week theme was Phoenix Piesta.

The first night of fun and competition took the form of Quiz Bowl. After answering a multitude of questions about Elon history and Hispanic culture, the top five teams – Alpha Omicron Pi, RSA, Danieleley Center, Phi Mu, and Alphi Chi Omega – were awarded points.

Tuesday night was the Phoenix Piesta, a time when students and faculty could relax with food, fireworks and fun. Wednesday night was Skit Night. Survival Bingo, Midnight Meals and the NPHC Step Show were big hits during the latter part of the week.

Story by Lesley Cowie



From left to right: Students dance in the NPHC step show. Students line up in Moseley to strike the Phoenix pinata. The Epsilon Sigma Alpha ladies prepare to answer the first-round trivia questions. President Leo Lambert and Maria Wyka marvel at the Phoenix Piesta decorations. Photos courtesy of Jessica Beasley, Alexa Torrey and Lesley Cowie.





# Homecoming

During the Homecoming game on Nov. 8, the football team continued a winning season, beating the Western Carolina Catamounts, 33-14. A crowd of 10,747 cheered on the winning Phoenix. This game brought the Phoenix standings to 8-2 for the season and 6-1 in the Southern Conference.

Junior Terrell Hudgins broke two records during the game. He became Elon's all-time leading receiver with 4,363 yards and became the

Southern Conference's leader in career-receiving yards.

Many students anxiously awaited the announcement of Homecoming King and Queen. Seniors Chase Rumley and Sarah Findle were crowned King and Queen during the halftime ceremony. Rumley is the president of the Student Government Association and Findle is a member of Alpha Omicron Pi.

Story by Lesley O.





From left to right: Thousands of fans pack Rhodes Stadium to watch the Phoenix defeat Western Carolina. Terrell Hudgins leads receivers and runs with the ball. Chase Rumley and Sarah Findle smile as newly crowned Homecoming King and Queen. Excited fans cheer on the Phoenix during the game. Photos courtesy of the Pendulum.





# Holidays

From carving pumpkins to Christmas feasts, Elon students have no short supply of holiday spirit. With Halloween falling on a Friday night, students built the anticipation with decorating Moseley with pumpkins and other spooky decorations. Many costume-clad students celebrated the night of the 31st at Lighthouse Tavern, where the band Anonymous and An Umpire Conscience performed for the Halloween extravaganza.

Elon students also celebrated the Christmas holiday through attending the Moravian Christmas Love Feast and Candle Service held at the Elon Community Church. In addition to sweet buns and coffee, seasonal music was provided including the traditional carol "Morning Star." However, examples of holiday spirit and celebration can be seen not only through Elon sponsored events, but also through the livelihood and enthusiasm of students daily.

Story by Lina Patton



From left to right: Students sing Christmas carols during the luminaries ceremony. Students dress up for a Halloween party in McCrary. The Moseley Center staff decorate the front desk with pumpkins. The two front desk assistants wear their witch hats to celebrate Halloween. Photos courtesy of Lesley Come and Daniel Wells.



# Luminaries

On the evening of Dec. 4, the Elon community gathered on campus to watch the annual tree lighting ceremony. Always a popular event, the tree lighting and luminaries celebration signifies the arrival of winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Claus, accompanied the Elon Christmas carolers to elevate the holiday spirit. Children from the community enjoyed meeting Santa Claus and riding on the train that took them through campus. The hot chocolate and apple cider kept everyone warm, along with the warmth of family and friends.

The Student Government Association spent the entire day placing candles along Elon's paths. The lighting ceremony took place from in front of Alamance. During the event, all of the holiday lights on campus were lit for the first time. This signifies the beginning of the holiday season.

Story by Lesley Cowie



From left to right: Students prepare for the luminaries ceremony by lighting candles around campus. Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus make an appearance on campus. The young children in the community marvel at all the lights, candles and festivities. The annual luminary celebration is always a beautiful sight and well-attended. Photos courtesy of David Wells.





The Periclean Scholars program at Elon is meant to raise the level of civic engagement among its participants, as well as the university community. Each year, a new class enters the program with a mission. They spend the next four years working on achieving this goal.

"The Periclean Scholars Class of 2009 has decided to focus its efforts toward furthering development in rural Zambia," senior Amelia Henderson said.

The 2010 class is working to promote socioeconomic growth in Ghana. The class of 2011 will be focusing on Sri Lanka. They hosted Sri Lanka Week from Nov. 10-14, offering a variety of events each night.

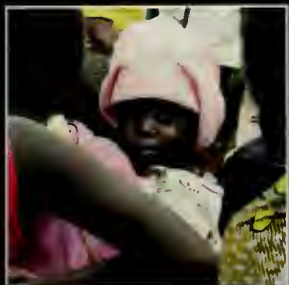
The class of 2012 will be working on a global change project for India. Over the next four years, they will be working on grant writing, philanthropic opportunities and donor relations.

Story by Lesley Cowie

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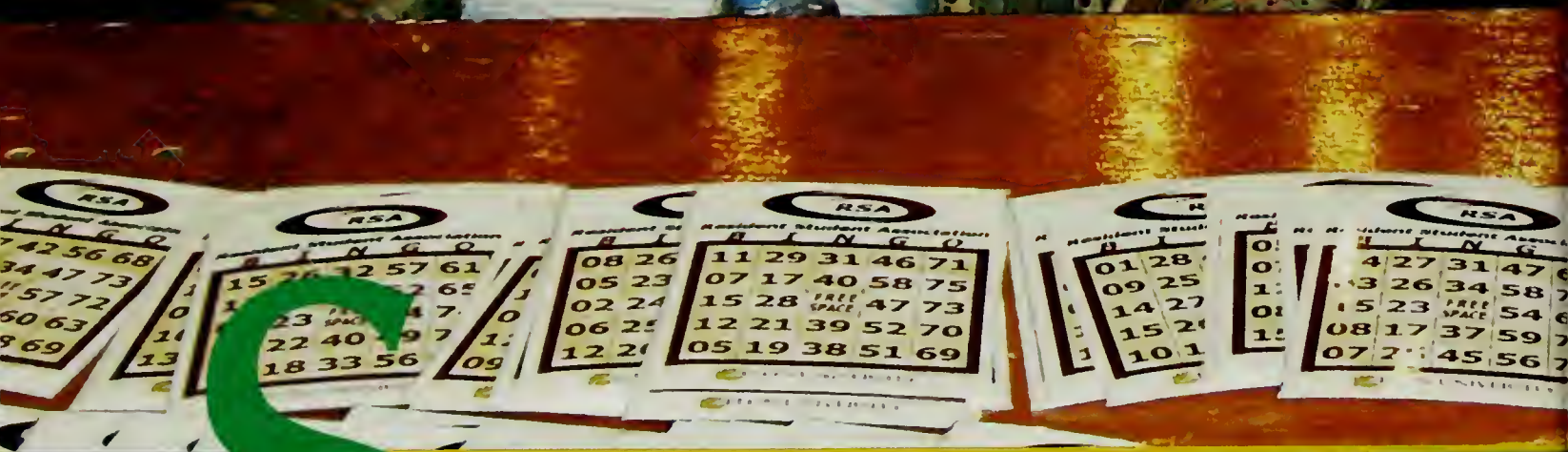






From left to right: This bridge connects Zambia and Zimbabwe with Victoria Falls. A beautiful Ugandan child stares at the camera. Members of the Periclean Scholars of 2010 pose in Ghana, wearing their traditional robes. This student prepares her camera so that she can capture the landscape and the people. Photos courtesy of Amelia Henderson and Andie Diemer.





# Survival bingo

RSA and SUB work together to provide students with an array of activities throughout the year. Students look forward to the exciting events brought to them by these organizations.

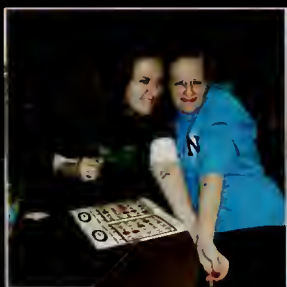
At many Midnight Meals sessions, one of the a cappella groups on campus usually performs. Students enjoy being entertained while eating their late-night meals. Most students like being served their

food by President Leo Lambert during Crunch Brunch.

Survival Bingo usually happens once a month. Prizes include campus must-haves, food and beverages. To spice up the event, RSA officers sometimes bring in guest bingo callers. The first Survival Bingo of the school year was led by football head coach Pete Lembo.

Story by Lesley Down





From left to right: RSA advisor Sarah VanKruiken spends her evening playing bingo with some students. These two students show off their tattoo prizes after winning a session of bingo. This group of girls enjoys competing over bingo. These two students give a thumbs-up to show that they are having a good time. Photos courtesy of Jessica Delhyns.

From left to right: Reel Big Fish and Anonymous share the stage at Lighthouse. Photos courtesy of Rachel Cien.





# Sublive

Students anxiously awaited the new Lighthouse for the 2008-2009 year. With the new renovations came some big entertainment acts. The Student Union Board hosts SUBlive every Saturday night, with bands and comedians. This year, Reel Big Fish headlined the fall concert. Local band Anonymous also performed with the band.

Reel Big Fish is a ska band from California. The six-member band has been making music since 1992.

According to junior Rachel Cieri, all but five of the 250 tickets to the show were sold before the night of the concert, "It was absolutely insane," Cieri said. "The band was very high energy, and everyone was extremely excited to be there. They all wanted to get to the stage."

*Story by Lesley Cowie*



Elon University's Alumni Gym took on a different appearance on the night of May 1, the school's annual spring concert. In place of the usual small group of athletes stood a massive glowing crowd of 2,500 swaying in unison to the sounds produced from a small saran-wrapped computer.

The source of this strange site was Elon's Student Union

Board's annual spring concert, and the men behind the music were Girl Talk, a mash-up artist, and Lupe Fiasco, a rapper.

More than 2,500 tickets were sold to the show compared to just over 700 to last year's show of Sister Hazel and Matt Nathanson. It was a success to say the least!

Story by Lindsay Fendr

# Spring Concert

A large, dark photograph of a concert stage. A bright green spotlight illuminates the crowd from the right side. The stage is dark, and the audience is visible in the foreground, mostly in silhouette. The overall atmosphere is dark and energetic.





From left to right: Students pack Alumni Gym to see famous rapper Lupe Fiasco. Fiasco shines brightly for the crowd during the concert. DJ Girl Talk and assistants uses multiple songs to collaborate into one amazing mix. Proudly wearing his Elon jersey, Lupe Fiasco belts out a note. Photos courtesy of Ashley Barnes and Angie Lovelace.



# Elonthon

Elon students cherish the opportunity to give back to their community. ELONTHON is a student-organized philanthropy dedicated to raising money and awareness for the kids of Duke Children's Hospital. Students from all organizations sign up to dance at this annual event.

"This year we had the largest number of students register, which was over 1,300," said Junior Catherine Melendez, corporate relations chair for Elonthon 2009. "We had a lot of different activities this year. Group X taught exercise classes, we had singers and groups come to sing, we always have families from the hospital come talk about their experiences.... GameStop and Best Buy were our two biggest corporate sponsors this year, lending us Nintendo Wiis, Playstation 3, and XBOX 360."

Melendez went on to say that despite the tough economy, Elonthon was a success. It was fairly exhausting to plan, she said, but it is all worth it. It's all FTK - for the kids.

Story by Lesley Cowle



From left to right: Katie Schneider checks in with the Elonthon staff before her shift. The staff sat at the check-in table throughout the event. Justin Sposato and Meaghan Harkins happily pose with the shirts they have received for participating in Elonthon. Krista Montes De Oca proudly stands beneath the Elonthon balloon archway prior to the event. After months of planning, the executive staff was prepared and excited to launch the event. Photos courtesy of Catherine Melendez.





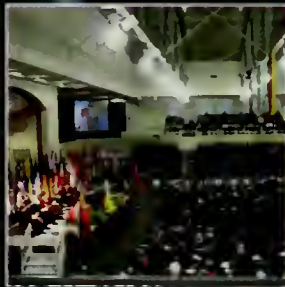


# Honors

Honors students and seniors lined the bleachers, faculty and staff flooded the center and guests were scattered in the audience at the annual honors convocation on March 31. Not only were students honored, but also the honorable Madeleine Albright brought a message focused on learning and education.

Albright centralized on three themes throughout her speech: the role of education in a changing world, the importance of international learning and the process of connecting what we know to what we do.





From left to right: Professors enter Alumni Gym in their robes prior to convocation. Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright addresses a packed gymnasium for her keynote speech. Albright explains the importance of education and international experience. These seniors probe the convocation program for a full listing of President's List and Dean's List students. Photos courtesy of David Wells, Shea Northcut and Andrew Dadd.

# convocation

"Here at Elon, students are taught to have respect for human differences, and to abide by an ethic of work and service," said Albright, first female U.S. Secretary of State from 1997 to 2001.

George Troxler was recognized at convocation for his 23 years of service at Elon University. President Lambert praised Troxler for his efforts in bringing many experiences to Elon while being a "testament" to Elon's mission statement.

Story by Shea Northcut



During the last week in April, students, faculty and staff took part in CELEBRATE!, a week-long celebration for students in academics and the arts. The week included programs seminars, art exhibitions, plays, a film festival, dance and music performances presented by students and faculty.

On April 30, members of Omicron Delta Kappa gathered for the organization's annual awards ceremony in Whitley Auditorium. ODK

recognizes students who have provided outstanding leadership in their junior or senior years, and who have maintained high academic averages.

In addition to honoring students with performances and awards ceremonies, Elon celebrated its accomplishments by displaying student artwork in Belk Library all week. With the overwhelming level of academic motivation and talent among students, the Elon community enjoyed the celebration.

Story by Lesley Cow

# Celebrate!







From left to right: The members of ODK proudly stand before a crowd at the awards banquet. These two members of the Elon Tap Ensemble enjoy performing their Tapped Out! routine for the audience. The Carolina String Duo perform a piece in Yeager Recital Hall. The cast of Noises Off embody their characters' emotions. Photos courtesy of Lindsay Fendt, David Wells and Bryce Little.







# SURF Day

All classes were cancelled on April 28 to allow students to partake in the annual Student Undergraduate Research Forum, also known as SURF Day.

Students presented on a variety of topics and many of them had been researching their topics for months. Senior Ben Smith presented on "The Difference in the Experiences of Male and Female Beginning Elementary School Teachers." As an early education major, Smith has had a lot of interest in this topic.

"I have put a lot of time into my research," said Smith. "Many of my friends have been wondering where I have been all semester so I am hoping all my hard work pays off."

Other students presented on topics that ranged from "Dioxin and Dopamine Alter Swimming Behavior in Larval Zebra Fish" to "The Glamorization of Cyberbullying in Gossip Girl."

Story by Patrick McCabe



From left to right: This student eloquently describes her SURF research to a group of students and faculty. Dr. Byung Lee meets with Michelle Newman to discuss her research. These students show their poster board at Koury Business Center. Students pack rooms in McEwen, McMichael and Koury Business Center to see SURF presentations. Photos courtesy of Lindsay Fendt and Grant Holverson.



# Anderson Cooper

"I don't see a huge conflict between being a human and a reporter

at the same time," said Anderson Cooper, the anchor of CNN's Anderson Cooper 360. "It's important, when you're in the middle of a terrible situation, not to be overwhelmed but to continue to function."

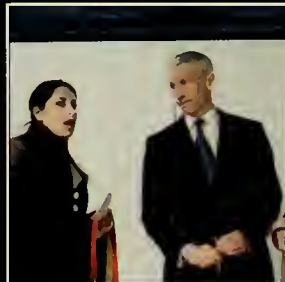
Cooper visited Elon University's campus April 7 to discuss his experiences with journalism and to offer advice for aspiring journalists. He explained the importance of reporting the news truthfully and with compassion for those affected by the situation.

"Too often we are encouraged by the media to pay attention

to the frivolous," he said. "We are encouraged to see things through a lens. People expect their news to have a slant. As a newscaster, I believe in facts, not opinion. Viewers want facts and information and are smart enough to make a decision. It is important to understand the ideas of our opponents as well as our friends."

Story by Lesley C.





*From left to right: Following the public discussion at 4 p.m., scholarship recipients invited to a private reception get the opportunity to meet Anderson Cooper and exchange words. President Leo Lambert shares the stage with Cooper in McKinnon Hall. Cooper congratulated the scholarship recipients and thanked the donors for their contributions. Cooper quickly meets with one scholarship recipient at the reception. Photos by Lesley Cowie.*

take opportunity







*There is practically an organization on campus for every type of student, and if there is not, Elon encourages students to create a new one that fits them best.*

*Greek life on campus is extremely popular with over 20 social fraternities and sororities, but it's not the only life. There are religious organizations that focus on different aspects of religion, service organizations that dedicate many hours to servicing local community needs, and academic organizations that further enhance student experience and help prepare them for careers.*

*Some of the most popular organizations at Elon include the campus groups media. The student newspaper, "The Pendulum" and student news broadcast Phoenix14News, give students real-world and hands-on experience with the opportunity to have their work published and aired.*

*Elon organizations are about making connections, bettering yourself and further experiencing all Elon has to offer.*

*Story by Preston Stanley*

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Ryan Mintz, Cinelon President, and staff at the organization fair table. Throughout the day Cinelon had equipment set up as well as production samples to show prospective new members. *Photos Courtesy of Preston Stanley*



The Fall Organization Fair is held the second week of school. The fair is usually held on the Moseley front lawn, but this year it was held in Alumni Athletic Center due to rain. Students flooded both the main hall of Alumni Athletic Center and both wings on the outside trying to find more information about the 108 student organizations on campus.

Greek organizations utilized this time to recruit incoming freshmen by creating flyers and staffing their tables with informative members while some clubs like Cinelon and the Physics club performed demonstrations to draw attention.

The Fall Organization Fair always has a good turnout, and new students are able to see exactly which organizations that they wanted to join. Elon is all about student involvement and at the organization fair, there truly is an organization for everyone. Of course, if there is not, Elon always encourages students to start a new one.

Story by Preston Stanley

From left to right: Lauren Warr talks about Club Tennis to another student. The girls of Zeta Tau Alpha wear matching colors to show their enthusiasm for their sorority.







Elon Physics Department  
forms a demonstration to  
attract students during the fall  
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# Greek Life



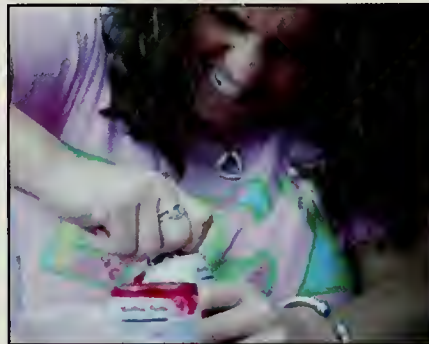


## The Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority hosted their 5th annual “Think Pink Social”

on October 15, 2008. The social was held outside of Octagon to promote awareness and education on breast cancer. Allison Stanley, a breast cancer survivor, spoke at the event to the community of Elon on her struggle with breast cancer upon being diagnosed in 2004. The local band Three Day Weekend played at the event, which drew an audience on campus. Alamance Hospital also had nurses come to hand out shower cards, show displays and answer questions on breast cancer to the community.

The highlight event of the social was Zeta Tau Alpha’s first ever “Yoplait yogurt eating contest” in which Sororities and Fraternities such as Phi Mu, Sigma Sigma Sigma, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Sigma Chi, Kappa Sigma and Kappa Alpha Order participated in. The contest was held in order to collect more Yoplait yogurt lids. The Yoplait lids can be sent into Yoplait who in turn donates five cents with every pink lid towards breast cancer research. The community of Elon anticipates the Think Pink Social to be bigger and better in years to come.

Story by Jenny Ward



Adrienne Frietsch is cheered on by her friends and sorority sisters as she eats multiple cups of yogurt. Photos courtesy of Kate Austin.

Members of many Elon fraternities and sororities attended the event.





*Clockwise from top: Lauren Barnes searches for pumpkins against every other sorority on campus. Grace Chao participates in the pumpkin toss. Casey Pickler among many sorority girls. Robin Vance, Lauren Barnes, Katie Canavan, Taylor Sperry, and Laura Brainer pose for the camera. Photos Courtesy of Laura Brainer.*



On November 6, 1993 Lambda Chi Alpha began an international philanthropy project called the North American Food Drive that has raised more than 21.2 million pounds of food for the needy across North America. The Lambda Chi Alpha brothers at Elon have committed to collecting canned food year round to support the needy on a national level and within the local community. Fraternities and sororities look forward to Lambda Chi Alpha's Pumpkinfest that has happened every fall since 1998. The event consists of a fun filled weekend of friendly competition including races and pumpkin carving as well as a canned food drive. "It was great to see the continued support at our annual Pumpkin Fest where we continue to raise mass amounts of food for the homeless," said Rob Kennedy of this year's Pumpkinfest. In the past Pumpkinfest was so successful that it raised a total of 16,720 pounds of canned foods earning the fraternity an award from Lambda Chi Alpha International Headquarters.

Story by Laura Rand

# pumpkinfest 2008



# GREEKservice



Lauren Rodriguez-McCleary, Chelsea McManus and Jessica Beck proudly represent the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation during the week of recruitment. Because breast cancer education is an important element to the Zeta Tau Alpha Foundation, these girls demonstrate their support with pink t-shirts and ribbons. Photos courtesy of Lindsey Perdue.



In 1992, Zeta Tau Alpha adopted the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation as its national philanthropy. Today, the organization still supports the Komen foundation but is also dedicated to fighting breast cancer through education, awareness and promoting breast health. The ZTA Foundation has supported this philanthropy, Breast Cancer Education and Awareness, through various means. ZTA members inundated campus with both traditional and non-traditional forms of support for their Think Pink! campaign.

"This year our president, Katelyn Spedden, had the idea for everyone in our sorority get pink hair extensions," junior Bethany O'Connell.

"This idea gained a lot of publicity on the news and spread nationwide. I would say this year was one of our most successful years of Think Pink yet."

Members of Zeta Tau Alpha had a successful year educating others about breast cancer and promoting breast health.

Story by Lesley Cowie

From left to right: Excited to continue the legacy, these new ZTA members rejoice after being newly recruited. Seniors Kat Stroschio, Rachel Epstein and Kelly McManus proudly hold up the letters for ZTA.





Chelsey McGinnis models  
pink hair extensions  
during ZTA's Think Pink!  
week. Photo courtesy of  
The Pendulum.



# think pink



These students pose for a quick picture between rounds of trivia at West End. Photos courtesy of Ashley Cambridge.

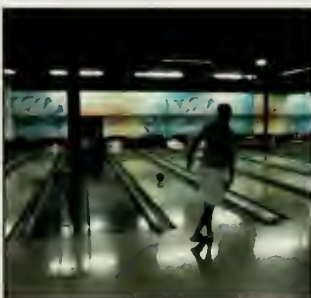
Every year Sigma Chi (Theta Omega Chapter) hosts Derby Days, a week-long event that helps support the fraternity's philanthropy, the Children's Miracle Network. This year's theme was the Olympics, which allowed other sororities and fraternities an opportunity to choose which country they would like to represent.

Derby Days took place April 6-10 with different events each day. Other Greek organizations could participate with a \$250 entrance fee. Some of the events included trivia at West End, a cook-off competition and bowling at Country Club Lanes.

Sigma Chi's Derby Days comes at a great time in the year. With warmer temperatures and pressure rising with upcoming exams, students are constantly looking for entertaining and relaxing activities on campus. Aside from having fun, each participant is raising money for a good cause.

Story by Lesley Cowie

From left to right: Hoping for a strike, John Palermo bowls at Country Club Lanes to continue raising funds for Sigma Chi's philanthropy. Letting loose and having fun, David Claghorn dresses up in a costume for the public.







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ial Superman costume.

# DERBY DAYS





These students compete in a wheelbarrow race as part of a fundraiser for Invisible Children. Photo courtesy of Katie Meyer.

# Service >>



These students join in the effort to Stop Hunger Now and aid starving children.



The Kernodle Center for Service Learning is the central location for service at Elon. With the student-led Elon Volunteers! organization at the heart of the center, Elon students have helped to make a difference on campus and in the community. Students have offered their help and support during ongoing volunteer opportunities, ongoing collections and sporadic volunteer opportunities.

One of the easiest ways to become a member of EV!, or to help out, was to sign up to receive the On-Call Volunteer Corps emails. The EV! staff sent out bi-weekly emails with a list of volunteer opportunities to all who had requested information. Some of the ongoing opportunities were with College Bound Kids Tutorial Program, Eastern Guilford High School, The Village at Brookwood Retirement Community and Excel After-School Enrichment Program. The Salvation Army and Loaves and Fishes of Burlington were always happy to receive contributions.

Many Elon students work with EV! to show thanks for what they have been given in life and to extend that gratitude to those in need.

Story by Lesley Cowie



Left to right: At the fall organizations fair, these members of EV! hope to recruit new volunteers. These Elon students work with community partners to sort grains for their charity event. Photo courtesy of Preston Stanley.



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Safe Rides is just one of the on-going volunteer efforts on campus. This organization aims to prevent drunk driving and walking alone late at night by providing free rides within a one-mile radius of campus. Students may volunteer as a driver, navigator or dispatcher to offer rides for students on the weekends.

Volunteers receive instructions from the six captains a half hour before the volunteer shifts begin. Dispatchers process the information given by students and then send a driver and a navigator out to retrieve the students. In the meantime, other volunteers enjoy free pizza and drinks.

Multiple organizations on campus also volunteer with Safe Rides. In order to help out, students may consult the Safe Rides calendar on Blackboard or contact one of the captains.

Story by Lesley Cowie



From left to right: Daniel Beringer communicates with a potential passenger over the phone. The Safe Rides volunteer staff review their calls for the evening. Earle James Pope prepares to drive across campus to pick up passengers. These students write down the location of their passengers. Photos courtesy of Chelsea Krieger.



# service



Two Epsilon Sigma Alpha members take a break from digging during a service project. Photo courtesy of Brandon Landroth.



Alpha Phi Omega and Epsilon Sigma Alpha are Elon's service fraternity and service sorority respectively. Both organizations are local chapters of national organizations that strive to connect the university with the community through fundraising and volunteering.

Alpha Phi Omega's (APO) chapter, Sigma Rho, focuses on four types of service - the chapter, the campus, the community and the nation. They participate in more than 20 different service projects annually, including Special Fridays, which is specific to Elon's chapter. On one Friday of each month, children with disabilities come to the Parish House at the Elon Community Church for two fun-filled hours, where APO members supervise and entertain them. Other endeavors this year included Safe Rides, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America, ELONTHON and Adopt-a-Highway.

Epsilon Sigma Alpha's (ESA) major international philanthropic projects are St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the Easter Seal Society. Along with supporting these efforts, Elon's Delta Psi chapter of ESA hosted the sorority's Collegiate Leadership Conference in November, drawing members from East Carolina University, the University of South Carolina and Virginia Tech to share insight on everything from fundraising to alumni activities.

Story by Laura Rand



ESA members sign their names on a porch to leave their mark after a service event. Photo by Brandon Landreth.



APO members Monica Poteat and C.J. Fleishmann volunteer at the Carnivore Preservation Trust.



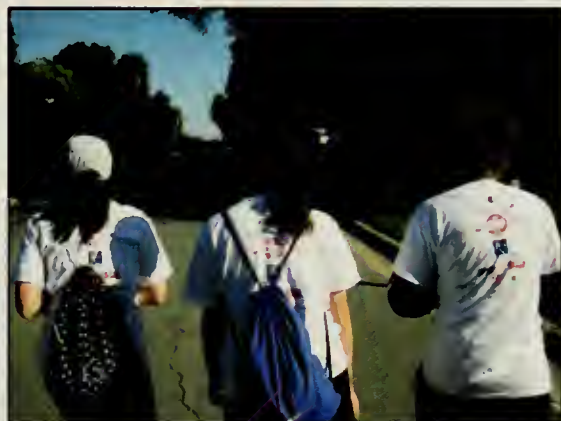
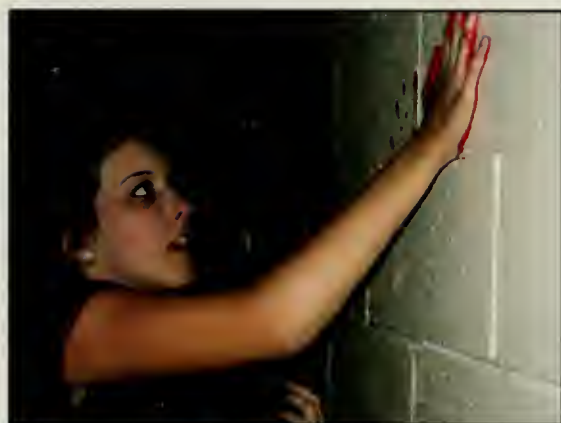
# living service

Members of the learning community help out as a part of a community service project.



## service learning community





From top to bottom: Freshman Elizabeth Everett adds her handprint to a Staley wall for Residence Life's annual mural contest. Three SLC members participate in a walk for charity.

The Service Learning Community is Elon's oldest residential learning community, providing students with the option to live with others interested in community service. The 27 students that make up the SLC are housed in the first floor of Staley Hall, and they arrive on campus a few days before classes start each year to begin building their unique bond. During Winter term, the students have the option of taking a service-oriented class designed especially for the SLC, and members are provided with a broad array of options throughout the year.

"If I would have to choose one, it would be the Legacy Project with the African Service Coalition," freshman Catherine Creeden said of her favorite activity with the SLC. "We were working directly and indirectly to help the refugees to get acclimated to the U.S."

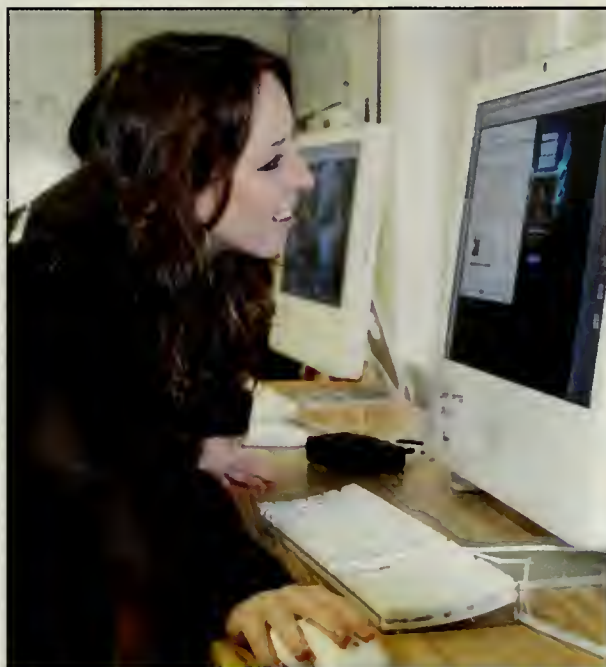
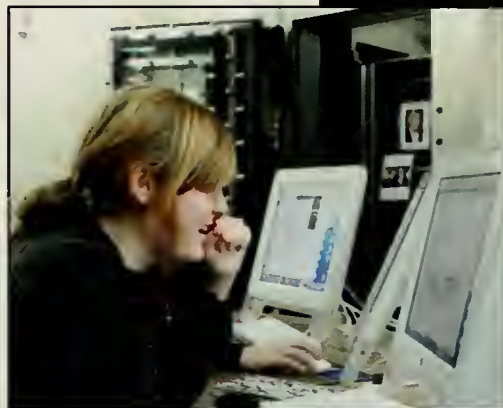
Story by Rachel Cieri



Senior Bethany Swanson places text and graphics for an upcoming issue of the newspaper.

# print media





*From left to right: Searching for her page assignment, Laura Rand works to meet her latest deadline. Sophomore Preston Stanley edits a yearbook page for the Student Life section before submission. Editor Andie Diemer focuses on placing text while spending another long and busy Monday night in the Pendulum office. Photos courtesy of Lina Patton.*



Elon's print media faced new responsibilities in capturing this year's many historic and memorable moments.

The Pendulum, Elon's student run newspaper, worked to bring national and local news to the Elon community. Editor-in-chief Olivia Hubert-Allen said, "The 2008 election was a big opportunity for us to strengthen and expand our political coverage." Staff members attended presidential debates in South Carolina and sent a team to Washington D.C. to cover the Inauguration. The Pendulum also expanded their online presence through redesigning their web site.

Other forms of print media included the yearbook, Phi Psi Cli, as well as the Colonnades literary magazine. The yearbook continued to capture the faces and events around campus while meeting new, strict deadlines under sophomore editor-in-chief Preston Stanley, publishing its 93rd volume. The Colonnades captured the year's more abstract memories through printing poems, short stories, art, and other creative works of Elon students in its spring publication.

Story by Lina Patton

# ELON STUDENT television



Shea Northcut and Mitch Pittman anchor the Election show.



Elon Student Television gives students the opportunity to produce, run and experience everything that goes on inside of a real television production studio. ESTV boasts shows like Phoenix14News, WinStuff, RoadTrip, One on One sports, and Preheat 360, which air once a week on the Elon channel.

“Working with Phoenix14News has been one of my best experiences while at Elon. I don’t think I would have been able to have so much hands-on experience at any other school,” said Shea Northcut.

For the 2008 Presidential Election, One on One and Phoenix14News teamed up to provide up-to-the minute coverage of what was happening. Phoenix14News stayed on the air for more than four hours thanks to this teamwork.

“The election show was exciting, scary, and fun. People were running everywhere to get things done, but in the end, everyone realized that having open communication and working together is by far the most important factor,” said Northcut.

Story by Preston Stanley



From left to right. Winterterm anchors David Hodges and Monica Yantosh prepare for the show. Crystal Moyer works the teleprompter during the show. The crew sets the right camera angle. Members of Phoenix14News and One on One Sports set up for the election show. Photos courtesy of Preston Stanley.







# WSOE 89.3

WSOE is Elon's noncommercial student-run radio station. The station broadcasts 24 hours per day and has an alternative rock format, but jazz can be heard during certain hours. Any student on campus can host his or her own show. Student-run shows can be any format and play whatever type of music the student prefers.

WSOE broadcast five of Elon sports, including men and women's soccer, baseball, volleyball, and women's basketball. Some of their most popular shows are 4th and 15, and The Tailgate Show, which begins two hours before every home football game and gives an analysis of each team and what is to be expected. 4th and 15 is broadcasted every Thursday and mainly focuses on college football, basketball, and baseball.

WSOE broadcasts college rock, specialty music, talk shows, and sports shows. Elon students are encouraged and to start and host new shows of their own. WSOE gives students another chance to show their expression and individuality, just on th air.

Story by Preston Stanley

## *Meet the DJ's*



*Robert Wohner*



*Mark Capozzola*





# Academic *fellows*





There are six programs included in the Elon Fellows. The Honors Fellows Program is non-specific to majors. The Elon College Fellows is for students majoring in the arts and sciences. The Business Fellows Program is geared towards business, economic and accounting majors. The Communications Fellows Program is design for students majoring in communication. The Teaching Fellows is for students majoring in some branch of education and the Isabella Cannon Leadership Fellows program is for aspiring leaders. Elon Fellows provides opportunities for students to participate in major-specific winter abroad courses.

In January, communications students traveled to Las Angeles, C.A., during the 2009 winter term. The course was designed for students to learn more about the film industry. The Junior Teaching Fellows traveled north to the Nation's Capital and visited public and private schools, took part in service projects and witnessed the Inauguration of America's first African American president. The Leadership Fellows also traveled during Winter term. The course included a trip to Alabama and Georgia to learn more about the Civil Rights movement in the south.

"Being a leadership fellow has given me so many more opportunities at Elon. It's been great to be able to interact with students that I have common interests with, the Winter term trip really gave us a lot of time to bond and get to know each other better," said Carolyn Murphy.

Story By: Sarah Costello



Fellows participate in various activities, from hosting charity events to bringing in speakers to talk about their experiences in the real world.



Sarah Palin visited Elon during the 2008 presidential campaign in September. *Photo courtesy of Kote Austin*

# > government





From left to right: Junior Daniel Shutt and Nick Ochsner. SGA president, Chase Rumley. Photos courtesy of Leslie Cowie.

Students from Elon Law School, as well as College Republicans and College Democrats, gathered in Whitley Auditorium to debate important topics facing this year's presidential election. The topics were narrowed down to education, environment, health care, and the economy. SGA President Chase Rumley opened the debate by introducing the participants and explaining the rules. Rumley was one of three SGA officers who asked questions. The moderators asked two questions per topic. They gave the responding student two minutes to answer the question and then allowed one minute for rebuttal.

The first question asked what the major goals were of each party. Supriya Khazanie, a first-year student at Elon Law, moderated the College Democrats to answer this question. Khazanie cited the 10th amendment and No Child Left Behind policies to show how where President George W. Bush went wrong.

"The problem with No Child Left Behind is that the money was left behind," she said. "The Bush administration did not properly fund [this policy]. The Obama/Biden plan is to address the issues that were not addressed initially." Another problem that Khazanie mentioned was that teachers are teaching to the test. They are not trying to address excellence in education, Khazanie said. According to Khazanie, Sen. Barack Obama has high hopes to recruit more teachers, increase pay, and retain teachers.

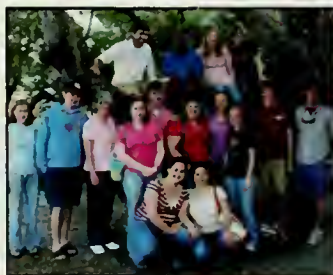
Barron Thompson, a third-year law student, joined the College Republicans and rebutted Khazanie's claims. Sen. John McCain, Thompson said, wants to end pork barrel spending, which is spending that generally benefits campaign contributors. He said rather than giving the money to campaign contributors, this money can go toward different education programs. "States need to do a better job of educating our students," Thompson said. "When students graduate from high school, they should be ready to enter the workforce, military, university or other job training." The states, he added, have to provide high standards and accountability. The national government, on the other hand, must set broad standards.

Report by Leslie Cowie

Frank Turek, renowned apologist and speaker, spoke at Elon University April 16, 2009 in a talk titled, "I Don't Have Enough Faith to be an Atheist."  
*Photo by Sarah Costello*



From left to right: Members of Baptist Student Union traveled to Boone, N.C., during the fall semester for their annual retreat. Photos by Abigail Boughman.





According to dictionary.com, atheism is the “doctrine or belief that there is no god.” The absence of god eradicates a need for faith — or so it would seem. But renowned author and apologist, Frank Turek, has a different opinion. He argues that atheism requires much more faith than the acknowledgment and belief in a higher power.

Turek is the founder and president of CrossExamined.org and has spent years studying apologetics and Christian doctrine. The renowned speaker and devout Christian visited Elon University Thursday evening and gave a presentation based on his book, “I Don’t Have Enough Faith to be an Atheist.” Intervarsity and Campus Outreach sponsored the event.

“We were really excited about [Turek’s presentation] because we feel that on a college campus there’s probably lots of ideas going back and forth, and we wanted to present a stance on the existence of God,” said Campus Outreach adjunct chaplain, Michael Lopes. Hundreds gathered in the LaRose Digital Theater to hear Turek present an argument for the existence of truth, morality and intelligent design. Seats were filled long before the presentation began.

As students, faculty, staff and local Alamance County residents continued to pour in, they began taking advantage of available floor space. Some stood against the wall during the two and a half hour presentation, while late comers were forced to stand in the atrium. Due to limited time, Turek was not able to discuss the 12 points he tackles in his book. He plans to return in the fall to present the second half of the series. Turek discussed two specific questions Thursday night: “Does truth exist?” and “Does God exist?” “I actually think there is a divine purpose for life, and everybody in here and everybody out there has a divine purpose for being,” said Turek in preface to his presentation.

Roughly 75 percent of students walk away from their faith after graduating high school. According to CrossExamined.org, “intellectual skepticism” is one of the dominant reasons so many young people vacate faith for agnosticism or atheism. Turek said that many college campuses today discount the Bible and regard students as intellectually lacking for acknowledging the Bible as truth. Turek argued that the believability of the Bible begins with the existence of truth. Either the Bible is true or false, said Turek, “but it can not be true for you and not true for me.”

Story by Sarah Costello

# religious



Valerie Resovsky and Danny Glassmann were crowned prom queen and king at the Spectrum Prom.



# BCS, IRC and Spectrum

In Elon's close-knit environment diversity and a sensitivity to diversity are essential to the well being of the community. More than 100 campus organizations including Black Cultural Society (BCS), Spectrum and Intercultural Relations Club (IRC) exist to provide opportunities for students of all ethnicities, beliefs and outlooks on life to interact with one another. Francois Masuka, advisor of Intercultural Relations Club says that it is on campus interactions like these that promote international and cultural awareness in Elon's students and prepare them to go out into the world as global citizens. He added that IRC gives an opportunity to each of its member to meet new people, befriend them, get to know and learn about their cultures and countries. "We really need to know and understand each other", Masuka said "so that we can value and respect each individual and avoid and minimize conflicts."



Story by Laura Rand



From left to right: The Black Cultural Society, established in 1974, is a forum to highlight the essence of the "Black Experience." Here members of BCS gather after a morning of church together and IRC members discuss plans for spring semester. Photos courtesy of Errington Bethel and Lindsay Fendt.



**"The objective of the conferences is to bring people together from all different schools in order to learn more about what those schools are doing on their campuses,"**

**- Junior Beth Cohen.**



This student races out of the water for a warm towel. *Photos courtesy of Grant Halverson.*



Shuddering from the icy waters, this student stumbles toward the snow-covered ground.





From left to right. These students recover from the frigid Lake Mary Nell waters. These brave students take the plunge at noon.

# RSA events

The Resident Student Association's tag line is "Love where you live." This organization provides multiple events and programs throughout the year to help students enjoy their dorm areas and campus. Some of these activities include Smith Haunted House and Polar Bear Plunge.

Polar Bear Plunge occurred on January 21, the day after the first significant snowfall of the year. Groups of five took turns jumping into Lake Mary Nell to find gift cards to local stores. Starbucks, Target and Panera Bread were among the retailers involved. T-shirts were given to all participants.

Another important part of RSA is attending conferences. Members of RSA attend NACURH (The National Association of College and University Residence Halls); SAACURH (The South Atlantic Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls); and NCARH (North Carolina Association of Residence Halls). By going to these conferences, RSA members get an idea of what activities to implement on campus.

"The objective of the conferences is to bring people together from all different schools in order to learn more about what those schools are doing on their campuses," said junior Beth Cohen.

Story by Lesley Cowie

# *express yourself*







*Elon is full of talented students, both in and out of the classrooms. The fine arts programs offers students the opportunity to express themselves and showcase their personal talents.*

*The a cappella groups have all journeyed into the recording industry with their own albums. The dance program holds various recitals throughout the year to demonstrate modern and classical forms of dance. The sell-out fall play, "Sweeney Todd", was a big success for the theater department, as both faculty and students raved about it around campus.*

*But the true meaning of arts at Elon is not about what play is produced, what song is sang, or what dance is performed. Arts at Elon means letting go of all constraints and allowing your creative side to shine through. Expression, illustration, and dedication from both staff and faculty make Elon's arts program one of the best in the nation.*

*Story by Preston Stanley*

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# theater

This fall's main stage musical was none other than the infamous "Sweeney Todd." While maintaining the essence of Stephen Sondheim's masterpiece, Elon infused the musical with a distinct sense of individuality.

"What draws me to 'Sweeney Todd' are the blurred lines between good and evil," Director Cathy McNeela said. "Sweeney is a sympathetic character ... controlled by his past and driven to obsessive revenge by deep grief and loss. It is a disturbing piece at times and also ohsovery, very funny."

Junior music theater majors Christopher Wood and Emily Rice led a fantastic cast that wowed many at sold-out shows. Wood's portrayal of the Demon Barber made serial killers likable, while Rice's bumbling Mrs. Lovett masterly played off the idea that hilarity can be found in any situation. The entire cast and crew made it clear that Elon's performing arts department deserves all the hype it receives.

Story by Amanda Kennison

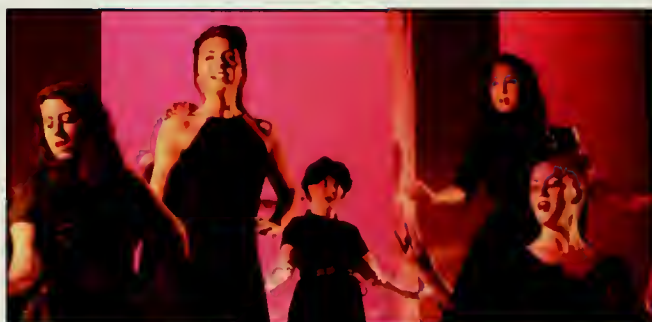




Left page, left to right: Taylor Trench, as Signor Pirelli, gives castmate Tal Fish a shave. The cast of Sweeney Todd drew full crowds for every performance. Lisa Carter, as Johanna, and Johnny Stallard, as Anthony, embrace in a dramatic moment. Right page: Junior music theater majors Chris Wood and Emily Rice play the Demon Barber and Mrs. Lovett. Photos courtesy of David Wells.



# t theater



Top, clockwise: In "Nine," the main character is surrounded by a plethora of women.  
Senior Matt Keffer plays Guido Contini, a film director.







McCrary opened its doors to Elon's spring musical production on February 12. Directed and choreographed by Lynne Formato and starring senior Matthew Keffer, "Nine" proved to be a crowd-pleaser resplendent in comedy, drama and the angst of the middle-aged.

The show tells the story of Guido Contini, a film director in a slump, vainly seeking his muse. "Nine" is as much about the women in his life as it is about Guido. Between his wife, his mother, and a cadre of ex-lovers, "Nine" provided just the right dose of feminine charm following the fall male-led musical "Sweeney Todd."

Story by Jordan Frederick

# dance.

Elon's performing arts department offers its artists the opportunity to participate in self-expression and performance through dance and choreography.

This year, student's showcased their talents in numerous forums - whether it was outside at Dance in the Landscape, or in front of Elon's students, faculty and supporters at the Ever Elon gala.

Story by Miriam Williamson





Left page, left to right: Erin Fitzgerald practices her part in "Pie Jesu." Dancers perform a modern dance piece. Meg Ralston-Asumendi rehearses her dance for Dance in the Landscape. Right Page: The performing arts department performs at the opening of the Ever-Elon kickoff gala. Photos courtesy of University Relations and Lindsay Ferrell.





Sophomore Daniel Higginbotham paints the floors of the set for Boeing-Boeing. March was the first time he designed a set that was used in "Stay" (Above, Right). Photos submitted.



Junior dance major, Rachel Perlman, has spent much of her time at Elon working toward a successful career as a performer and choreographer. Photos submitted.



Ben Marsh is a senior art major concentrating in digital media with a minor in multimedia authoring. He was recently in a car crash, and used this as inspiration for part of his work "An autobiographical exploration of Identity through Memory Based 3-D Visualization," which portrays events of his life that have had a strong influence in his life. Photos submitted.



Sophomore Kaitlyn Fay is a member of Fire of the Carolinas, Elon Basketball Band and the Wind Ensemble. Photo submitted.



# Student showcase

Elon is full of talented students who excel in their different genres of art. The Student Showcase highlights students who were recommended by professors in their respective departments.

Daniel Higginbotham, a sophomore theatrical design and production major, has spent much of his time at Elon designing, building, running and managing shows. During summer '09, he worked as a stage op, loading, striking, and running four shows at *The Glimmerglass Opera* in Cooperstown,

Ben Marsh is a senior art major, concentrating in digital media with a minor in Multimedia Authoring. During his time at Elon, he has become part of the 3D modeling group and is one of two students learning about it as independent study. "My art is constantly evolving and becoming more fine-tuned," Marsh said. "I love that I have been given the opportunity to express myself in a medium that is relatively unexplored at Elon at this time."

Rachel Perlman, a junior dance major, has experienced many opportunities to showcase and improve her work as a choreographer and performer. "Elon is so special because it fosters my love for all dance forms and allows me to grow in each and be exposed to even more than I believed to be out there," Perlman said. So far, Perlman was selected as assistant director and choreographer for the 'TAPPED OUT!' concert in 2009, and was assistant choreographer for the 'Ever-Elon Endowment Campaign' kick-off banquet in 2008. Her original choreography has also been chosen for numerous other special events at Elon.

Sophomore Kaitlyn Fay is a music education major with a minor in jazz studies. She has participated in the band program throughout her entire time at Elon, as part of the Fire of the Carolinas Marching Band, the basketball pep band, and the Wind Ensemble. She will be the saxophone section leader for the 2009 football season. "Here, the bands are open to any student who sincerely wants to make music and continue playing their instrument at the college level," Fay said. "I think this is a wonderful opportunity, because music should be made and enjoyed throughout one's life, not just through high school!"

Story by Miriam Williamson

# a cappella

The talents of Elon's co-ed a cappella group, Twisted Measure, never failed to pack a venue when they performed this year. The three rehearsals per week continually paid off as Twisted Measure crooned, belted and beat-boxed its way into the hearts of students and faculty alike. Twisted Measure and the all-male and all female a cappella groups took turns providing the entertainment during midnight meals to crowds of eager audiences and hosted their own much anticipated fall concerts.

Alexa Terry, President of Twisted Measure, shared the sentiments of her fellow singers saying, "It's awesome to have a crowd who knows the lyrics and is clapping along. When the audience is engaged the adrenaline rush is indescribable."

Story by Elise Delmerico





ft page, left to right: Alex Schreiner gets into  
e performance at Push the Music. Maggie Panos  
d Justin Hinote sing to each other at a Twisted  
easure performance. Ben Kaufman, Andrew Kay  
d Cheri Armour perform at Push the Music.  
ght page: Taylor Doe leads Twisted Measure.  
otos courtesy of David Wells and Tim Johnson.



Left page: Kate Austin and Jamie O'Brien lead Sweet Signatures at Push the Music.  
Right Page, Left to Right: Pat Lane serenades the audience at Push the Music. Photo by Tim Johnson. Max Korn leads Rip Chord in the evenings entertainment at A Cappalooza. Emily Berger and Lizzie Napier sing alongside the rest of Sweet Signatures at Push the Music. Photos courtesy of Tim Johnson and David Wells and Nicole Parker.





# a cappella.

The all-female Sweet Signatures and the all-male Rip\_Chord a cappella group share the spotlight with co-ed Twisted Measure to diversify Elon's a cappella scene.

Music truly filled the air when all three groups shared the stage at A Cappalooza, a performance hosted by the Sweet Signatures. Those in attendance were not only treated to the vocals of Elon's groups, but also heard performances from a cappella groups from other North Carolina universities, as well as the University of Maryland and Virginia Tech.

Whether performing at the Family Weekend picnic, the opening of Brown and Co. or the Invisible Children Walk-a-Thon, Elon's a cappella groups continue to be one of the backbones of campus entertainment.

Story by Elise Delmerico



# b and

Elon's marching band and pep band The Fire of the Carolinas completed its eighth season of entertainment and engaging performances, with its shows "Guitar Hero" and "Dance to the Music."

"The 'Fire of the Carolinas' is really a great group of people who have a variety of talents - playing instruments, spinning flags, twirling, dancing, conducting, and of course marching," said Freda Thompson, this year's twirler. "Every member of the band gives their biggest effort to help create a show that the crowd will enjoy. The best part about it is that we all love doing it!"

Story by Miriam Williamson



*Left page, clockwise:* Band members have fun while entertaining the crowds at the football games. The drummers lead the band in the Ever Elon procession. Colin Harden, drum major, leads the band through a successful season.

*Right page:* Freda Thompson adds an entirely new meaning to "Fire of the Carolinas." Photos courtesy of David Wells, Grant Halverson and Lindsay Fendt.







# b Jazz Ensemble and.

Directed by veteran jazz musician Jon Metzger, Elon's Jazz Ensemble provides the community with a style of music that incorporates America's Classical Music, swing and improvisation.

This year, the Jazz Ensemble performed a fall concert in November, featured visiting guest artists Mark Clodfelter and Skip Gailles at the Elon University Jazz Festival in February, and performed for a Swing and Salsa Concert-Dance for its spring concert in April.

Within the ensemble, students have excelled. Kaitlyn Fay was honored as a Lumen Scholar, and Kevin Johnson earned the Billy Crocker Jazz Award.

Story by Miriam Williamson





Left page: Left: Jacob Danieleley along with two other peers performs at the Spring concert. Center: Senior Colin Harden plays the trumpet in the jazz ensemble. Right: Marvin Morgan, senior, plays tuba at the Swing and Salsa Concert-Dance. Right page: Eloré Jazz Ensemble performed for a Swing and Salsa Concert-Dance for its spring concert in April. Photos by Lindsay Fendt.





*conquer goals*







**O**ver the years, Elon University has established a strong reputation in outstanding academics. Elon currently offers students with more than 50 majors to choose from within its four undergraduate schools: Elon College, the College of Arts and Sciences, Martha and Spencer Love School of Business, the School of Communications and the School of Education.

This year the School of Communications revised the curriculum for current freshmen and sophomores. An advanced studies course was added to each major to better prepare students for future careers. Additionally, the School of Communications established a new master program in Interactive Media which will begin in the fall of 2009.

Many students throughout the year participated in Elon's annual Student Undergraduate Research Forum, also known as SURF Day, in April. It was a part of a week-long celebration of student achievements in the academics and the arts.

Story by Preston Stanley

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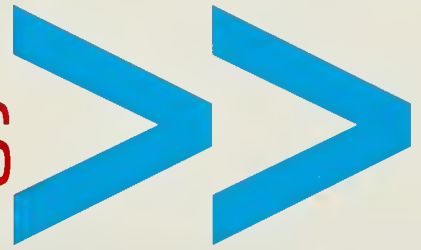
From left to right: Kirsten Bennett converses with guest speaker Jim Hefner. Kirsten Bennett and Nick Ochsner work on the set of Elon TV.





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## SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATIONS



The school of Communication has welcomed many new changes since fall 2008.

With the constant convergence and transformation of media, Elon has adapted its curriculum to prepare students to excel and succeed in the different communications concentrations. For the first time in Elon's history, the School of Communications ranked eighth in the Hearst Journalism Awards Program Intercollegiate Competition with the help of Elon Broadcast students. The school also had several visits from well-known journalists, including former "60 Minutes" correspondent, Lesley Stahl, in January, and Anderson Cooper in the spring.

Story by Sarah Costello

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## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION



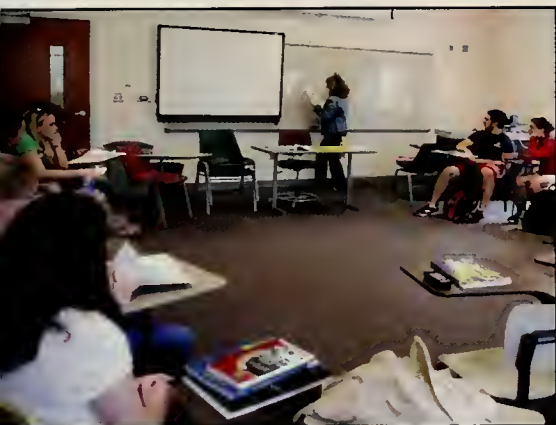
Elon's School of Education is nationally accredited and offers majors for elementary education, middle education, and special education. This year, thirty-eight students enrolled in the School of Education's Department of Physical Education for the consecutive year for the DPT program. Leisure Sports and Management students were able to raise over \$1000 for the Christian Loaves and Food Ministry in downtown Burlington. The School of Education has introduced an "Innovative Reading Program" this year to encourage "struggling readers" to explore books. A new course titled, "Teaching Struggling Readers" was offered for upper classmen this year. Students were able to learn techniques in a classroom and also apply this knowledge in a school setting with actual struggling pupils. A \$1500 grant was provided by Barnes and Noble and Elon's "Office of Civil Engagement" that provided 16 elementary students with books.

Story By Sarah Costello



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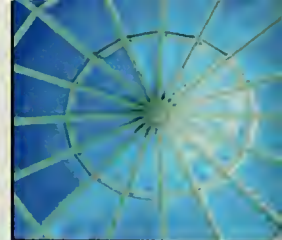
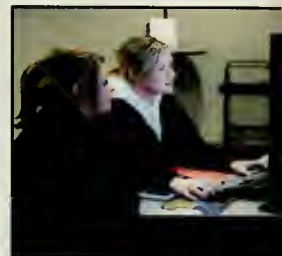


Group of students listen to their professors lesson. Photo courtesy of Lindsay Fendt.





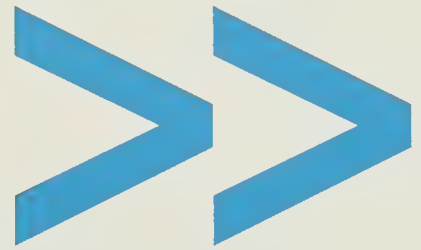
The Ernest A. Koury School of Business boasts innovative architecture with modern appeals. The three-story facility includes the William Gerrard Reed Finance Center, which provides real-time data from global financial markets. *Photos courtesy of Sarah Costello*





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## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS



The Martha and Spencer Love School of Business was ranked 12<sup>th</sup> in the nation and second in the Deep South by Business Week. In 2008, four business students, Alan Duvall, Brent Gilmore, Katie Pietrowski and Mike Depace, received recognition from Stanford University for a creation made solely from water bottles that was entered in a global contest. This year, the School of Business proudly boasts its 10<sup>th</sup> edition of “Political Economy”, which is a publication produced by undergraduate students.

The Love School of Business offers degrees in business administration, accounting, economics, and a master of business administration. The faculty in the business school are highly trained and have hands-on experience in the industry as accountants, economists, entrepreneurs and corporate leaders.

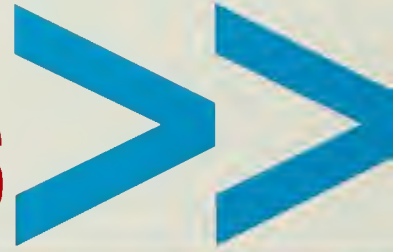
Students are the number one priority in the business school. Small class sizes make learning easier and more comfortable for both students and professors.

“In the business school, the faculty treats you like a friend. It’s nice to actually know your professors and know that they care about you and your personal goals and needs,” Claire Tamer said.

Story by Sarah Costello

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## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

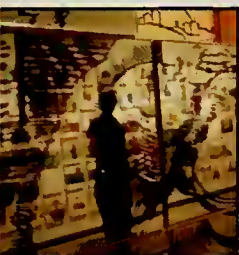


The College of Arts and Sciences not only incorporates departments in art and science, but also departments in English, foreign languages, history and geography, math, international studies, etc. The college began construction for a new building in May 2008, titled Lindner Hall. The building will house the sociology and anthropology department, history and geography department, and will be the new headquarters for administration for the arts and sciences department. The sociology and anthropology department has an integrative program in the sense that students learn how societies are connected and how different elements of the society involve complex cultural patterns. At Elon, sociology students bring their knowledge of their own society and enhance their knowledge by comparative perspectives of anthropology.

Story by Sarah Costello







The college of arts and sciences hosts variety of art. The new building will house a large meeting room and will be very environmentally sustainable. *Photos courtesy of Sarah Costello.*



*explore beyond*





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uring the 2008-2009 school year, more than 1,000 Elon students ventured abroad the realms of North Carolina into new countries and destinations. From gaining language skills and knowledge in Europe, to hiking mountains and exploring the coast of Australia, the study abroad program allows students to travel all over the world.

"Studying abroad in Australia over winter term was amazing. You do not realize how different cultures really are until you go and explore them," said Junior Steph Hicks.

Students have the option to study abroad for an entire semester either in the spring or the fall. Many students choose to also study abroad for three weeks during Winter term.

Elon offers more than 60 study abroad programs, and students who wish to study abroad elsewhere can create an independent study abroad program through another university.

study abroad

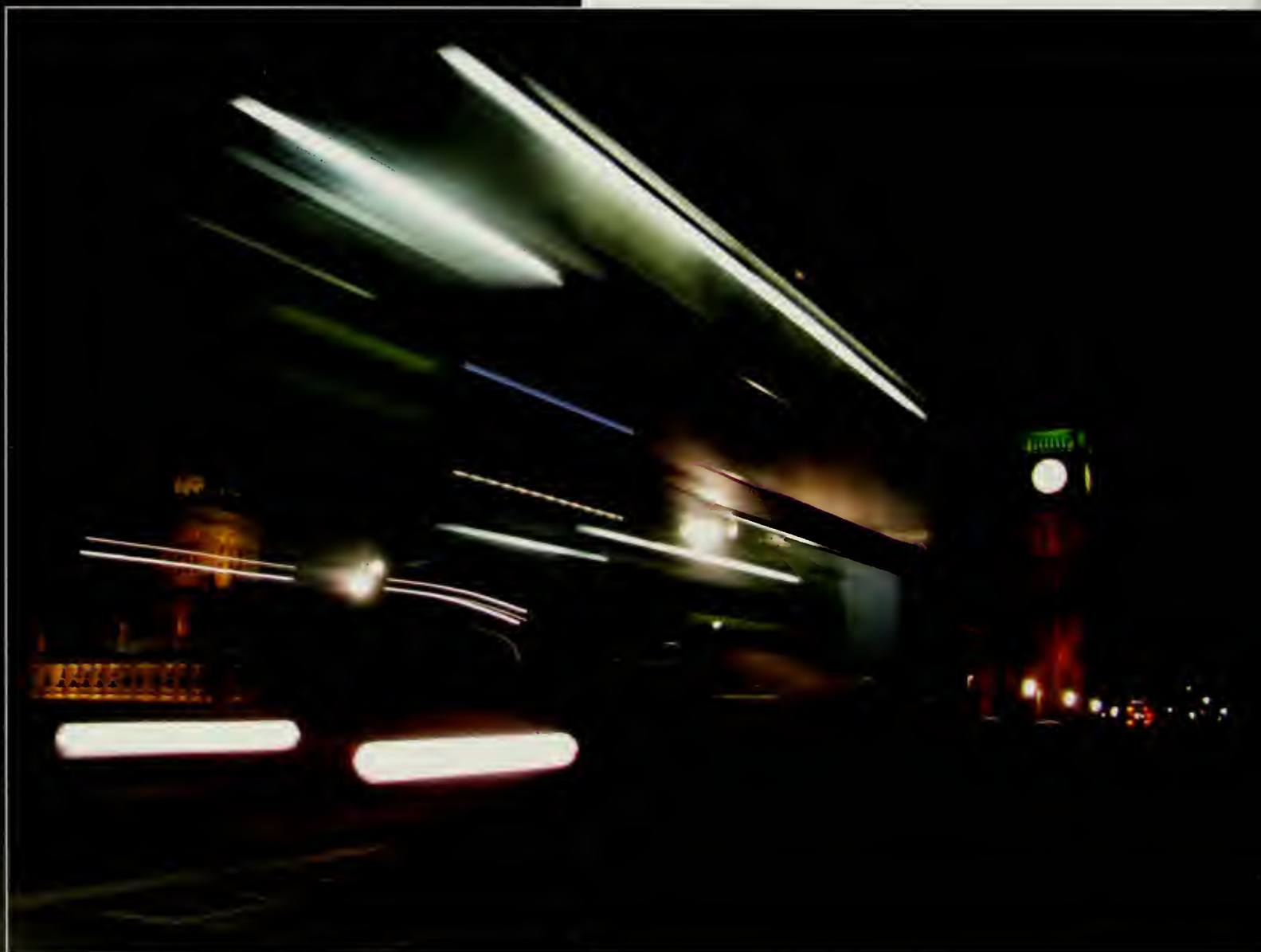


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ABROAD

Josh Tate captured two of London's most-recognized landmarks as one of the city's signature double-decker buses whizzed by one night this fall.





Instead of staying trapped inside the “Elon bubble” this year, some students decided to take their studies elsewhere for a semester. Elon seeks to provide a global worldview to its students, so what better way to do this than choose from one of the 33 programs offered by the Isabella Cannon Centre for International Studies? Seventy-one percent of 2008 graduates had studied abroad for at least one term, and the new Ever Elon campaign aims to make it possible for every student. This fall, students studied at some of the best universities in 25 different countries.

Several new programs were introduced this semester, including Wiener Neustadt, Austria; Santiago, Dominican Republic; Lyon, France; Aachen, Germany; Cracow, Poland; Singapore and Kristianstad, Sweden. Elon also established a new program in Florence, Italy that will allow students to study abroad while being taught Elon classes by Elon faculty members.

Story by Rachel Cieri



Top, clockwise: Students in the Elon in London program straddle the prime meridian in Greenwich. Caroline Matthews shot this seaside street in Copenhagen, Denmark. Students take an authentic carriage during a visit to Prague. Photos courtesy of Ashley Barnas and Caroline Matthews.



# explore new surroundings

Sophomore Matt Smith bursts through a flock of pigeons outside the Colosseum in Rome. Photo courtesy of Jennifer Kirts.





# Winter 2009

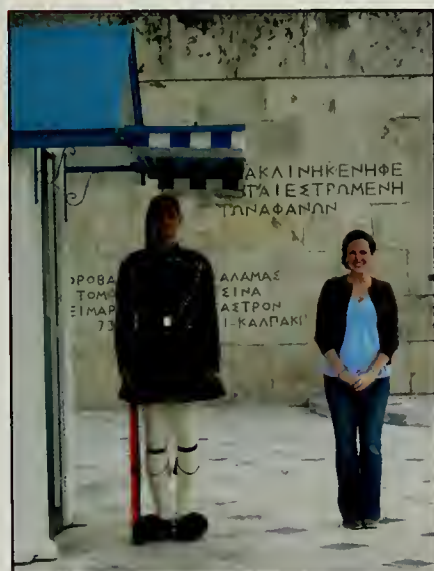
Elon established 30 winter term programs in more than 20 countries spreading students out all over the world for the month of January. Senior Briana O'Neil was one of several students in the class of 2010 Periclean Scholars who traveled to the village of Kpotea this winter to unveil the community clinic the group had been planning for almost two years. Before the clinic opened, the people of Kpotea had no access to health care for half a year when the dirt roads became impassible during the rainy season.

"It was incredible," O'Neil said of her experience in Ghana. "It's hard to find words to explain the experience we had. The people were so hospitable and the ceremony was much more emotional than I anticipated. I have never felt more proud to be a Periclean Scholar."

Story by Rachel Cieri



*Clockwise from top: Greg Speir, Kate Hinkle, Eric Liebendorfer, Mary Hart MacLeod and other students participating in the South Africa program hike through an area known as "God's Window." Junior Aly Speir poses with a Greek guard in traditional dress in front of the parliament building in Athens. 2010 Periclean Scholar Lauren Flynn allows a child to take a picture on her digital camera in Kpotea, Ghana. Photo courtesy of Lindsay Fendt and Dan Rickershauser.w*

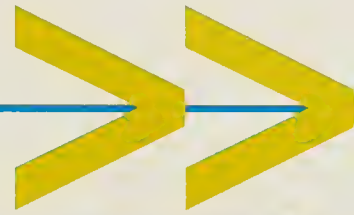


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Cole Gorman snapped this shot of a primate and its mother scavenging for food during his stay in Ghana this winter.





## Study Abroad Photography Contest

Each year, the Isabella Cannon Centre for International Studies holds its study abroad photography contest, letting students share their experiences and talents. Winners are awarded cash prizes, and all entrants have the honor of adorning the centre's walls. A winner and honorable mention are chosen for each of three categories: sense of place, sense of culture and portrait. The following are just a few of the noteworthy entries.

Story by Rachel Cieri



Top, clockwise: Ivy Crank captured Ghanaian children as they play in Africa's scorching heat. An Indian artist decorates a student's hand with a traditional henna tattoo. Past and present meet as a girl in traditional Chinese dress answers her cell phone. Students in Peru cross the water to visit a local village in a traditional vessel. Photos courtesy of Ivy Crank, Brittany Corroll, Amelia Henderson and Laura Allen.



spring 2009

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# service trips





This Winter Term Dr. Ocek Eke made the thirteen hour trek to the Gulf Coast for the fifth time in his five years of working at Elon. Eke, a communications professor, along with a group of students took the trip as an alternative Winter Term course in which they engaged in service learning through rebuilding homes that had been devastated in Hurricane Katrina. Though much less glamorous than other Winter Term courses, the dirty work of painting, hammering and cleaning were part of what made the trip such a meaningful learning experience to Dr. Eke and his students. “We gave up our comfort for two or three weeks to make their lives a little better,” he said. The group slept on cots in a church and the amenities were meager, but the tough circumstances, Eke said are an important part of the service. In addition to Winter Term courses designed for service learning, four groups of students demonstrated their dedication to service and headed to Mississippi, Texas, Honduras and the Dominican Republic trading in their spring breaks to lend a helping hand.

Story by Laura Rand

*From left to right: Students pass building supplies up a wall they helped maintain in northern Honduras over break. The wall will prevent erosion of a mountain on which a school for at-risk youth is situated next to. Manuel, a youth in Honduras, gives director Frances Gee a bracelet he made. Students at a home they worked on in Galveston, Texas. Elon students with friends they made in Honduras.*



*push the limits*





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or many students, success at Elon is not solely measured by the grade on a test, a name on the president's list, or any type of academic excellence. Athletes determine their success by the record-breaking number of fans at the game, the win in double-overtime, and the strength and endurance they dedicate on the field, course, track, court, and diamond.

Elon Athletics offers students a wide variety of sports to choose from, but intramural and club sports give many students the opportunity to play sports without the intense competition. Students can participate in many activities, including rugby, ultimate frisbee, flag football, field hockey, basketball, swimming, equestrian and triathlon.

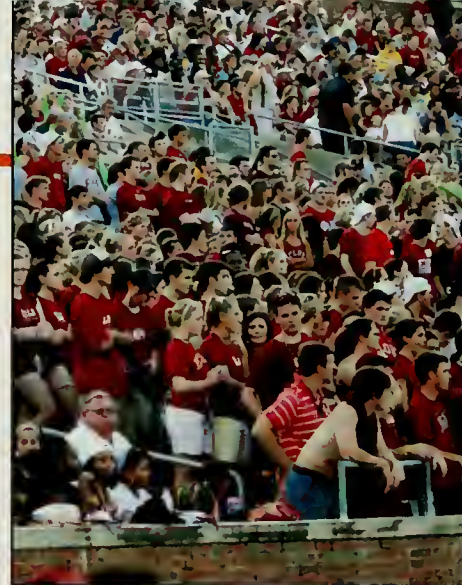
Sports at Elon gives students opportunities to excel outside of the classroom as well as maximize their physical capabilities. They also give students victorious experiences and fuel a competitive drive that reflects the work hard, play hard philosophy at Elon.



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# football

o left, clockwise. Sophomore Quarterback Scott Riddle prepares to launch the  
otball to his teammates. The Phoenix defensively tackle the opposing team. The  
oenix crowd cheer on their team adorned in the schools maroon and gold. Running  
ck A.J. Harris charges up the middle. Photos courtesy of David Wells.



The Phoenix finished the season with an 8-4 record, claiming the program's most victories in nine years! Elon finished the 2008 season ranked No. 17 nationally in the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision, marking the Phoenix's highest finish ever in a national poll since officially joining the FCS ranks for the 1999 campaign. Head Coach Pete Lembo says, "This is an exciting time for our football program. In three short years, we have become a serious contender both in the Southern Conference and on a national level. We appreciate the terrific support from the Elon campus and from the Burlington Community." The team broke 99 records in the past 3 years, proving their outstanding improvements. This past fall the team also had its largest winning streak of seven games, since the 1981 NAIA Division I national championship season. Not only did the team excel this season, individual players proved to be outstanding assets to the team. Junior wide receiver Terrell Hudgins and senior place kicker Andrew Wilcox were elected as second-team selections to the CollegeSportsReport.com 2008 All-America squad in February! Part of the team's mission is to "serve as a source of pride for the entire Elon University community." Well, there is no question that Elon University and its students are proud of the team's success!

Story by Nicole Parker

Chelsey McGinnis and Stephanie Hicks cheer on the crowd while performing a stunt during a timeout. The cheerleaders practiced three days per week and conditioned two to prepare for games and campus activities. Photos courtesy of David Wells.



Courtney Mas and Victoria Von dem Hagen cheer on the crowd at a home football game.

"EU!" "You Know!" Spirit. It's what drives the Elon Phoenix sports teams to overcome

difficult contests and finish with winning seasons. The All-Female and Co-Ed Cheerleading teams are there every step of the way for the players and fans cheering on a victory, no matter what the score may be.

Twenty-two young women comprised the All-Female team, and 13 young men and women comprised the Co-Ed team. But what gives the cheerleaders the courage to flip high into the air and land in the arms of a teammate, without hesitation? "During pre-season we go to a camp in Myrtle Beach, S.C. which really plays a great part in bringing us all together early in the year," said All-Female sophomore Holland Felts. The teams must develop a strong bond with one another, something that is very apparent if you have ever watched their stunts at the football and basketball games. "Cheering is a sport that not only tests teammate's physical endurance, but their mental and emotional endurance as well," said Felts. The season for Elon's cheerleaders is a long and strenuous one, but without their up-beat cheers, mind-blowing stunts and unconditional belief in the teams for victory, the Phoenix games would not be the same.

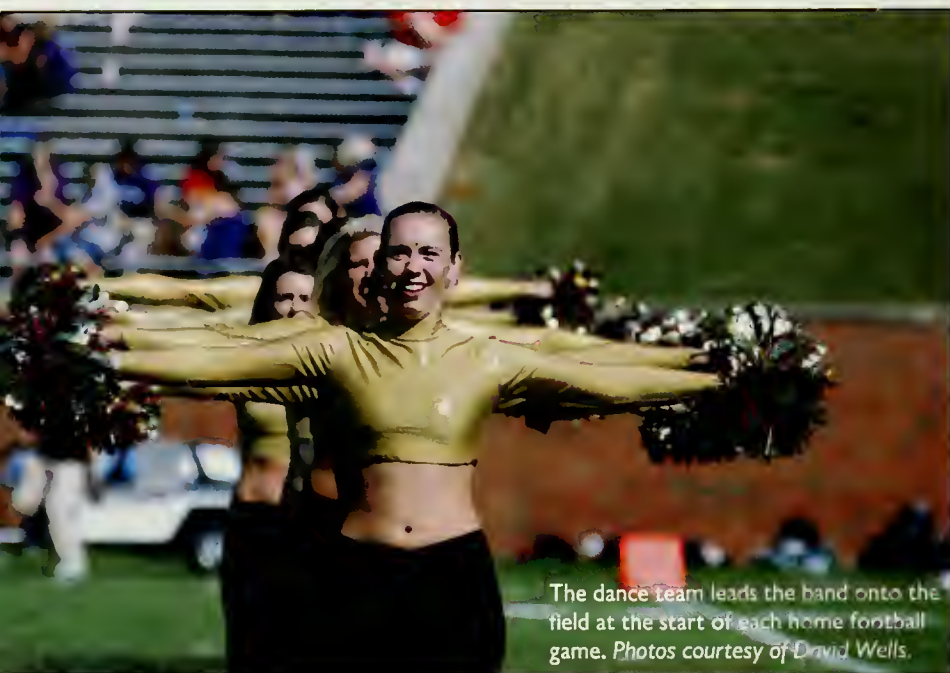
Story by Nicole Parker

# cheer





# dance team



The dance team leads the band onto the field at the start of each home football game. Photos courtesy of David Wells.

## Who are the Flames of the Phoenix?

Every home game for football and men's and women's basketball games, Elon's dance team, the Flames, perform about a two to three minute routine to pump up the audience during half time. This past year the team worked hard to develop its first ever competition team to compete in Disney World for Universal Dance Association's National Competition. "We flew in a choreographer from Los Angeles, C.A., to choreograph a dance for us in October, and the competition team worked nonstop to perfect the routine before nationals," said junior Mariah Koster. The Flames had nine amazing new freshmen join in the fall really bringing hard work and fun to the team. If this year is any indication of where the Flames of the Phoenix are headed, Elon fans better watch out, because they are on fire!

Story by Nicole Parker



Liz Harrington, Michelle Murphy and Kirsten Bennett dance to one of this fall's half time performances, "Guitar Hero." The dance team performed at every home football game while preparing for their first ever competition season in the winter.



“For the first time in Elon's history the dance team will have competed at UDA Nationals in Orlando, Fla.”

**Michelle Murphy**





# women's soccer



Forward Susannah Gianakos aids in a shut out against game against Georgia Southern. Photos courtesy of David Wells.

The **Elon Women's soccer team** had an incredible season, finishing with an 8-8-3 record, the first .500 or better record since 1999. The team earned the program's first ever win over an ACC opponent with a 1-0 road victory against Maryland! The team also moved up in the highly competitive SoCon regular season standings earning a seventh place finish out of 12 teams. The team ended its 2008 season ranked 177th of 318 teams. The team graduated six seniors this year. Coach Chris Neal said, "Our seniors will be sorely missed. They have contributed so much to our program. They are great role models for our younger players and they have helped to build a solid foundation for our program's future success. They should be extremely proud of their accomplishments this season." This year was an inspiring season for the women and the program. As junior Molly Calpin said, "Our team made huge strides this year. We are a completely different team from last year. I think that was evident in our record and style of play. I am already looking forward to seeing what we can do next fall!"

Story by Nicole Parker





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**Molly Calpin**



Brittany Hallberg shows her skills against conference rival the Citadel Bulldogs. The game was a shutout, leading the Elon Phoenix to a 2-0 victory.



"The team has handled the continuous adversity throughout the entire season with great determination. I couldn't be prouder."

Kyle Boerner



Midfield Hunter Miller plays defensively against No. 1 standing Wake Forest at Rudd Field. Photos courtesy of David Wells.



# men's soccer



Midfield Justin Wyatt prepares to score at one of Elon's exciting men's soccer tournaments.



Benjamin Lunka plays hard against conference rival, Wake Forest.

The First Southern Conference Championship in the history of the men's soccer program and a 7-0-0 record in conference play are only a few of the great accomplishments by the men's soccer team this year. After a rough start, the Phoenix ended the regular season with a 10-9-1 overall mark, the program's third consecutive winning season. Eight Elon players picked up either first or second team all-league distinctions, the most for any SoCon team since 1988. Defender James Carroll of Charlotte, N.C., claimed a spot on the 2008 SoCon All-Freshmen Team. Justin Wyatt and Steven Kinney were named to the 2008 Southern Conference All-Tournament Team following the SoCon championship game. Coach Darren Powell was named the league's 2008 Coach of the Year, his second time receiving this honor in his four seasons with the Phoenix. With a group of talented, competitive and driven players, the Elon's men's soccer team brought pride and memories to the program this year. As Boerner so powerfully stated, "The numerous memories that were created on and off the field provides me with the necessary assistance to walk away from the game I have loved for so long."

Story by Nicole Parker

Sarah Schermerehorn is focused and ready for a victory. She is one of Elon's women's volleyball key players. Photos courtesy of David Wells.



## The Women's Volleyball team had an exciting year this year, accumulating an 11-5

record in non-conference play and winning the program's first ever pre-season tournament in August.

Coach Mary Tendler said, "The 2008 season was an exciting year for us. Our freshmen class made an

immediate impact, which brought a much different look to our team. Our ball control and defense

was much improved and was a key ingredient in many of our victories." The team is very proud of

their accomplishments this season especially after an exciting five set win over High Point at home.

"High Point is the top team in the Big South and our players were able to take on that challenge and

come out with a victory," said Tendler. They hosted and won a "Dig for the Cure" match against UNC

Greensboro, resulting in more than \$2,200 raised for the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Senior defensive

specialist Shelley MacBean said, "I feel that our team had many successes and triumphs this year, both on

and off the court. Of all the seasons I have been a part of, I think this team was the most determined to

reach our goals and become closer teammates. And that is what I will miss the most, playing at this high

level of volleyball with girls who truly love the game."

Story by Nicole Parker

# volleyball



Carolyn Lemke, Megan McMahon, Sarah Schermerhorn and Lizzie West work together for one of the team's many victories. The women work hard this year and become close teammates.







The women's cross country team huddles together before every match to prepare for a difficult but invigorating competition.



# cross country



Elon's men's cross country team at the NCAA Regionals. The team finished 19th, its highest finish ever. The team huddles before every match showing its close relationship formed during the past year. Photos courtesy of David Wells.

**Elon's cross-country teams**, both mens and womens, had great seasons this year with two first place meets, and several top finishes. Both teams placed sixth at the SoCon Cross Country Championship at Milliken Park in Spartanburg, S.C. Sophomore Emily Fournier, who finished seventh and earned the first team all-conference honors, led the women's team. At the NCAA Regional meet, the men's team stepped up its game and finished 19th, its highest finish ever and 15 places better than last year. The women's team placed 27th at the NCAA Women's Cross Country Regionals. Men's team senior, Ricky Myers, led the Phoenix to a seventh place finish out of 26 teams at the Blue Ridge Open hosted by league rival Appalachian State. The SoCon champion, Appalachian State, was the only team to defeat the Elon Phoenix. Both Elon teams finished first at the Head Stone Classic in Greensboro. All in all, both teams had outstanding seasons that Head Coach Christine Engel said have put the Phoenix "in a good position to get to where we want this program to be."

Story by Nicole Parker

# "Leave a Mark!"

The Women's Basketball team played with their hearts this season. The team was rebuilding this year and although the record doesn't show it, most women on the team believe this year was their best ever! Junior Forward Amber Wall says, "Not only did we have players excel when they stepped on the court, we had coaches working all types of hours to make sure the team was on the same page with producing excellent scouting reports, team events, team dinners, getting us involved in the community, getting the community involved with us and just being there for us when we needed them." The women say that the best way to do their best during the season is to give a 100% everyday and do all they can do! The exciting 73-55 win while playing at Appalachian State in February certainly helped the team's confidence for the home stretch of the season. Head Coach, Karen Barefoot, says that this year the team's motto is to "Leave a Mark" because they want to encourage the team to, "always be positive in practice, games, the classroom, the community and to themselves!" So watch out for next year's team because after this rebuilding year the women have the talent and the heart to dominate the court.

Story By Nicole Parker



Clockwise from top left to right: Courtney Medley takes the ball down the court. Aiesha Harper jump shoots. Team huddles before rematching competition. Photo courtesy of Andrew Dodd.

# women's basketball





# men's basketball



From left to right:  
Junior guard Devan  
Carter, Junior forward  
Adam Constantine.

On right page: Senior  
guard Brett James.  
*Photos courtesy of  
David Wells.*



After a very challenging and exciting 20-game conference schedule this year, the Men's Basketball team have worked very hard this past season, able to walk away proud of their accomplishments. The team came into the season believing that it was their year to be at the top of league, and played all year with everything they had stopping at nothing to make Elon proud. All of the players trained vigorously during the offseason to play their best and reach their top goal during the regular season – Win the Southern Conference championship. The team had three seniors this year, Forward Ola Atoyebi, Guard Brett James and Forward Monty Sanders, all great assets to the dedicated group of players. The Elon Athletic Department also celebrated the 100th season of Elon Basketball! This was a great tribute to the program including, a social and dinner and reflections of the past. Junior Forward Adam Constantine says, "While the season has not gone exactly as we planned the most important thing is that we stuck together. We never gave up on the game and most importantly each other. That is what will stick with us for the rest of our lives." The Phoenix definitely show a promising season next year with a great returning team with a lot of experience, and now the will to win it all.

Story by Nicole Parker





# men's golf



Junior Phil Bartholomew concentrating on making a long putt for an exciting birdie. Jayson Judy follows through on a long drive.  
*Photos Courtesy of David Wells.*

**“For the Love of the Game.”** This year’s men’s golf team understands the true meaning of this saying.

The young team consists of 16 freshmen, sophomores and juniors dedicated to the sport. Every day they find themselves back at those 18 holes, playing with determination to one day make that perfect Hole-In-One. This year, the team competed in ten tournaments and finished with the Southern Conference Tournament. Starting slow at the Raines Intercollegiate, it was definitely a rebuilding year for our Phoenix golfers. Jayson Judy, a junior, says that the team is made up of excellent student-athletes, with players earning Athletic Director’s Honor Roll and Dean’s Lists. Judy and sophomore Caleb Luther actually sunk their first Hole-In-One’s this year, an amazing accomplishment! Junior Phil Bartholomew says, “you have to find positives to take away from the season and we have gained valuable experience in tournaments. We have definitely gotten closer as a team.”

After playing a respectable season this past year, the men’s golf team is looking forward to the promise of next year’s team.

**Story by Nicole Parker**



This page is dedicated to Beth Newton.  
She was a devoted parent and faithful Elon Men's Golf supporter.  
She passed away March 29, 2009.



# women's golf



Above: Danielle Mills swings back after teeing off. Top Left: Virginia Mayer chips up a hill; teammate Frederique Bruelle prepares and lines up to tee off. Photos courtesy of: Elon Sports Information.

**“Golf is a matter of confidence.** If you think you cannot do it, there is no chance you will,” Sir Henry Cotton. The group of young women on the Elon’s golf team certainly showed their unwilling confidence this season with a constant display of excellent golfing. Led by returning Head Coach Chris Dockrill, the team consists of two seniors, two juniors, one sophomore and five freshmen. Season highlights include outstanding placement at the University of North Carolina Lady Seahawks Invitational and at the Mimosa Hills Intercollegiate. Sophomore Tara McFadden says, “I think that this year’s team has great chemistry and everyone gets along really well. This year’s team is also really competitive and the level of talent of the team is really high.” These women excel in a sport that not only is physically draining but is mentally draining as well. The athletic program and Elon Phoenix fans are proud of the accomplishments of these young women, and we look forward to seeing what they have in store for us in the future!

Story by Nicole Parker





Sophomore Tara  
McFadden describes  
the team in saying,  
“This year’s team is  
really competitive and  
the level of talent is  
really high.”

Top: Womens golf team poses for a photo. Left: Junior Kelsey Johnson analyzes her angles before setting up to tee off. Below: Sophomore Tara McFadden hits the golf ball along with some sand as she swings. Photos courtesy of: Elon Sports Information.





against her competition. Photo C. Schulerud.

The 2008-2009 track and field team consisted of only 8 combined junior and seniors out of 41 young women. Although the team is new and inexperienced they have succeeded in making Elon proud this past season. As they slowly but surely climb the ranks in the Southern Conference, Elon continues to gain more recognition in the track and field world with the help of Head Coach Mark Elliston. Elliston completed his second season with Elon University, and continues to try to push the program forward.

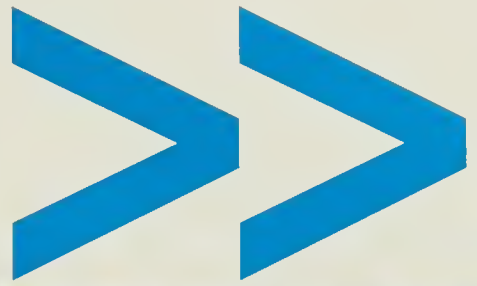
Freshman Amy Salek, says, "We are a young team, but don't let that fool you. We have really come together as a team to share the same goals for this season, and we're there to cheer each other on in hopes to achieve them." These dedicated new athletes are the future of Elon's track and field program and we are sure to see great things from them in the future.

Story by Nicole Parker



# track and field





Junior Jennine Strange leads the Elon Phoenix in the last home stretch, giving everything she has to grasp the win. Photo Courtesy of Justine Schulerud.



Team Captain, Senior Kevin Beard is caught in action after a powerful return to the opposing team.





Standing outside in the perfect Carolina weather, the men's tennis team leaves their hearts on the court, once again walking away victoriously from another match. With an amazing record during the 2009 campaign, the men's tennis team has once again lived up to the outstanding Phoenix reputation! This year the team consists of ten dedicated players, several of which came from around the world to play for Elon. The huge highlight of the season was a phenomenal 15 game winning streak lasting from Feb. 7 to April 1.

Men's tennis at Elon has had a long-standing success in the Southern Conference and continued to perform their best at all SoCon matches this year. The team participated in the Southern Conference Tournament and the NCAA Championships. Senior Damon Gooch, a fourth year member of the team says, "I am very proud to have played on a team with individuals from the states and around the world, all unique, from my freshmen year to my senior year."

Story by Nicole Parker

# men's tennis

# women's tennis

Junior Anna Milian is ready to strike back at the opposing team. Milian is said to be a great leader and an excellent asset to the team.

*Photo courtesy of Elon Sports Information.*



With 4 freshmen this year, the women's tennis team worked hard to rise in the ranks of the Southern Conference. The team consists of 10 women who have traveled from countries including South Africa, Italy and Spain to play for the Phoenix. The women were dedicated during the season, always matching a loss with a win and never giving up.

There is no question that with the promise of nine returning members, Elon is likely to see greatness arise from the team in the 2009-2010 season. This year's coaches include fifth year Head Coach Elizabeth Anderson, ninth year Assistant Coach Bob Owens and volunteer Assistant Coach Jenn Tucci. With a steady rise through the SoCon standings over the past four years, Elon looks forward to seeing what next year's women have in store for the athletic program.

Story by Nicole Parker







The women's tennis team huddles up before a match. The team believes strongly in bonding with one another for the best team chemistry. *Photos Courtesy of David Wells.*

>>> "Our greatest glory is not in never  
falling, but rising every time we fall!"  
-Confucius <<<



Sophomore Ashlee Crewe high-five senior Jacqueline Gonzalez after a great inning of play.  
*Photo courtesy of Angie Lovelace.*



# softball

Elon freshman Danielle Lafferty tags Southern Illinois' Alicia Garza in their Feb. 21 game.  
*Photo courtesy of Angie Lovelace.*



**The dirt is raked to perfection,** lines bright white and newly drawn. The softball team ended the season this year with a 11-17 overall, 3-7 conference. The season has been filled with mountains and valleys of wins and losses but this rollercoaster has not caused them to lose their spirit and love of the game.

"This season has been a struggle, but we have stuck together and created a bond on the field that is impenetrable," said sophomore Ashlee Crewe. "This team has defined the true meaning of the Phoenix by rising from the ashes every time we have fallen down." As a young, hardworking team comprised of four seniors, six sophomores and four freshmen, the team has a rewarding future to look forward to.

"They all bring something very special to the plate," said sophomore captain Caitlin McGowan. "I think the future looks very bright for us as we continue to grow and learn about what it takes to play at the college level!" Off the field, the team does various other activities such as competing in the LifeSkills Team Challenge sponsored by the Athletic Department. "It is literally a family where you struggle, laugh, joke, compete, eat, talk, play and, most importantly, live out a dream together to win a championship," said McGowan.

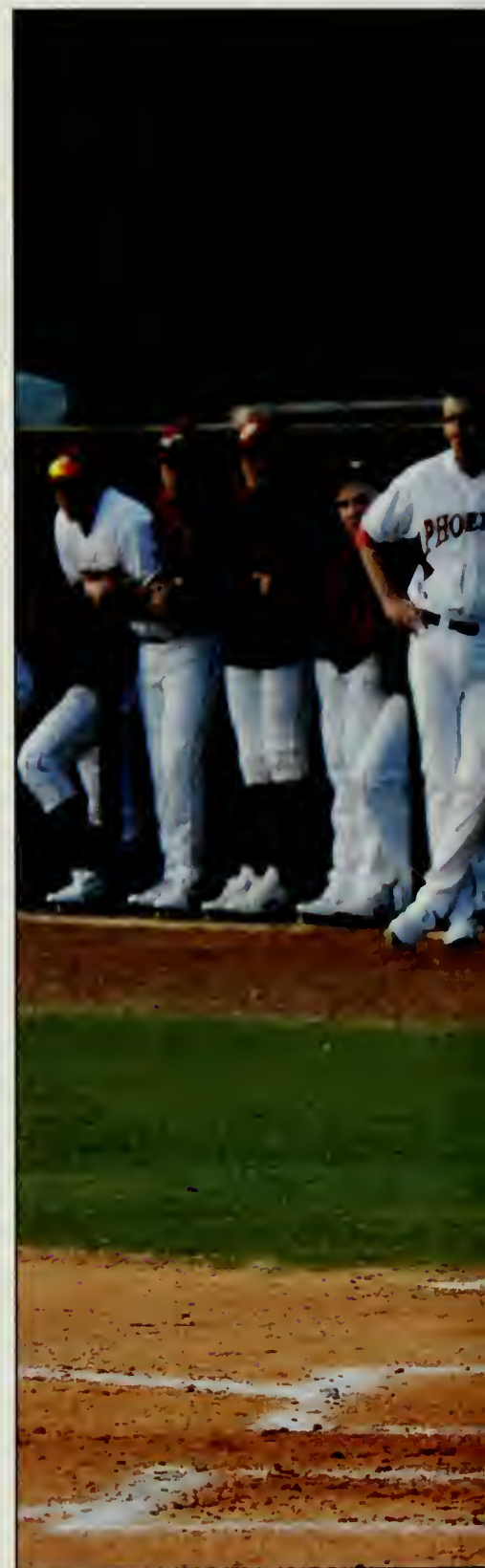
Story by Megan Wanner



Junior left-handed pitcher Bobby Kennedy pitches a great game against N.C. State for a 3 - 1 win. Photos courtesy of David Wells.

This season marks the 110th season of Elon Baseball, and the student-athletes started it off right with a Southern Conference win against Appalachian State. From then on, the group of 44 men knew they were on their way to a victorious season. With 17 wins and only 10 losses during the first four months of play, the Phoenix is once again proving to be a true contender in the Southern Conference.

With a sweep against Furman at the end of March and wins against rival schools including Wake Forest, North Carolina State, Georgia Southern and UNC Greensboro, the team dominated in the SoCon tournament. After winning the SoCon Championship last year, the team had some big shoes to fill for this season. With six seniors, 10 juniors, 10 sophomores and eight freshmen, the team has experienced players and new talent to continue their outstanding reputation into the future.



# baseball

Story by Nicole Parker



"You owe it to yourself to be the best you  
can possible be - in baseball and in life."

— Pete Rose



Team Captain and senior Cory Harrilchak waits confidently at the plate for his perfect pitch. Cory is a senior and has been an outstanding asset to the team for two years.

# intramurals

Students who play on Campus Recreation's Intramurals teams play the sports and activities they know and love at a much less competitive level than Club or Varsity level sports. The intramurals program offers over 20 different activities in various competitive levels in men's, women's, and co-ed leagues. Activities range from traditional sports such as flag football, softball, and basketball to innovative programs like arena football, dodgeball, and cornhole. Intramural champions in some activities have the opportunity to participate in state, regional, and national competitions. All teams are held to a high standard of sportsmanship for all students, helping the games be fair, fun and safe. This past fall Elon students participated in flag football, tennis, walleyball, raquetball, cornhole, outdoor soccer, 4-on-4 basketball and volleyball. Intramurals continue to run during the winter term with fun activities like arena football, ultimate Frisbee, dodgeball, monster gold tournament, and the bowling league. Students love playing for the intramurals because no matter what your skill level, any student can create a team with close friends to just have fun! Spring sports include 5-on-5 basketball, 4-on-4 flag football, table tennis, indoor soccer, softball, sand volleyball, outdoor basketball, and a singles tennis tournament.

Story by Nicole Parker



From left to right: Arena football champions, "the Juggernauts" team included: Greg Bender, Steve Dennehy, Darren Hepke, and Nick Stoner. Volleyball champions "CR & Friends" Photos Courtesy of: Campus Recreation.







The Elon Women's Rugby Team take a break for a team photo after a great game!



What do you do when you do not want to play varsity sports in college, but still want to play the sport of your choice and experience a certain level of competition? The next best thing: club sports. Elon University is home to 21 club sports teams. Among these teams are sports that do not have a varsity team at Elon including lacrosse, swimming and rugby. There are also many unique sports represented such as ultimate Frisbee, roller hockey and water ski. Club sports provide athletes with the athletic outlet they need with less demand than varsity sports. Unlike intramurals, club sports require more commitment and devotion to the sport students are playing. "There's a different level of competition and dedication needed," said senior Ultimate Frisbee player Paige Hannah. "When you play a club sport you are in it for the whole season instead of just a few weeks with some friends." Teams travel to various states within club leagues to participate in games and tournaments against teams from all different universities. "Tournaments are probably the most fun, and are the reason why we play; we travel to various cities in the southeast, such as Columbia, SC, and Snellville, Georgia, to play four games over a weekend about six or seven times in a season," said sophomore Roller Hockey player Carl Dagger. Unlike varsity sports, most teams do not have a coach and are instead student-run. "I think that it really puts an emphasis on the athletes' motivation and dedication to the sport because without a coach there's not a higher authority other than a student telling you to do something," said Hannah. "You do things because you love the sport and love the team and you can take ownership for the team." Also, the absence of a coach gives students more leadership opportunities as they have the option of becoming the president, vice president, treasurer, secretary or captain of the team among other positions needed to help the team run smoothly. "I feel like even within each club there are specific opportunities to lead. You don't have to have a title, but can just be a leader on and off the field just by being yourself," said Naiman. Whether they play for fun or for competition, hold leadership positions or are just there to play, many Elon students have found a fit being dedicated to club sports teams playing the sports they love.

Story by Megan Wanner

# club sports



The club lacrosse team is very competitive and definitely a contender against rival club teams. Photos courtesy of David Wells.



All club teams participate in tournaments with different colleges and universities, letting students show their competitive side and have a lot of fun.

The Elon Men's Rugby team always put all of their energy into every game and play for the love of the sport.



# *about face*





**S**tudents begin the Elon experience with their initial acceptance into the community at freshmen convocation. There, under the oaks, each student receives an acorn to symbolize their potential growth and endeavors that they will engage upon during their four year journey. Like an acorn, students establish their roots and foundation at Elon and continue to grow and learn each and every day.

The face of a student drastically changes over the four years in their undergraduate studies. Through branching out to new experiences, playing sports, studying abroad, researching, creating art, and establishing life-long relationships, these are the years that construct exactly who one becomes.

When the graduation caps are put on, the tassles are turned, and the goodbye tears are shed, students find themselves right back where they started just a few years ago, under the oaks. From there, they move on into the world, but always treasure and remember their friends, family, and memories made at Elon.

Story by Preston Stanley

people >>



# 2009



Seniors sit among peers during introduction and welcome. Photos courtesy of David Wells.



# Commencement

Saturday, May 26 marked the 119th commencement in Elon University history. Despite initial fears of a chance of rain earlier in the week, the sun stayed high in the sky for graduates Under the Oaks. In total there were 1,271 degrees given out: 107 law, 44 MBA and 1,120 BA/BFA/BS. There were 28 students who graduated with Summa Cum Laude honors (3.9-4.0 GPA), 130 with Magna Cum Laude (3.7-3.89) and 185 with Cum Laude (3.5-3.69).

The ceremony was also marked by Rev. Richard McBride, university chaplain emeritus, as he addressed the seniors, concluding their time at Elon as well as his own as he will be retiring next year. Before McBride's address, Walter C. Tims, 2000 Elon graduate and former Youth Alumni Council president, encouraged the graduating seniors to remember Elon and stay involved within the university community. Next, senior class president, Danielle Durst, gave a message of appreciation. "This institution has given us the skills to achieve... it has empowered us to make our passions a reality."

After an introduction by President Leo Lambert, McBride issued his address to the seniors, titled "Colors and Shapes, Letters and Numbers." "You've come a long way from (learning about) colors, shapes, letters and numbers," he told the graduates. "Don't ever forget where you started." He also explained the importance of following passions. "Follow your passion and honor your parents ... follow your passions and serve the community where you live," he said. Having gotten to know many of Saturday's graduating seniors through the years, McBride left them with words of encouragement for the future. "My hope for you is that you don't think these years have been the best years of your life," he said. "But think of your time at Elon as the best is yet to be."

After the diplomas were handed out to students, Lambert left the graduates with two charges. First, he told students to remember the meaning of the human graph they formed during their convocation ceremony four years ago on Aug. 27, 2005, where the students stood up to represent those who live with AIDS, those who live in poverty, those who do not attend college and more. His second charge was to keep Elon strong for succeeding generations. "It is our (Lambert and colleagues) conviction that the world needs Elon graduates," he said. "Tend the lamp to love this university so it will always be shining brightly awaiting your children."

Story by Laura Smith





Fellow speakers: Graduate Danielle Durst, Class of 2009 President, Richard McBride, University Chaplain, and Leo Lambert, President, walk together to the ceremony. Photos courtesy of David Wells.

# celebrate the class of 2009



Family and friends take pictures and videos of their graduates after receiving their diplomas. Photos courtesy of David Wells.



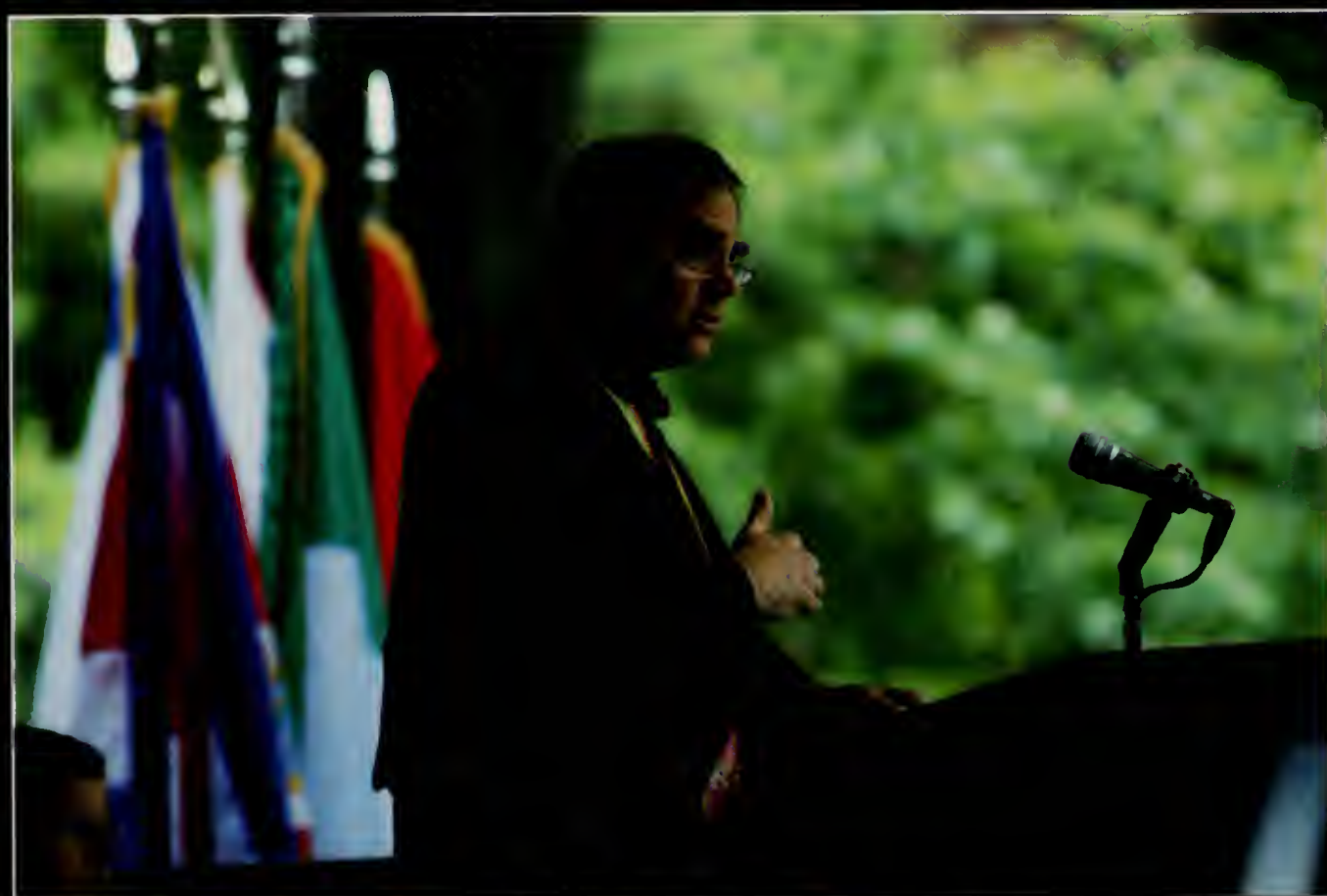
# Commencement

"you may leave elon, but elon will never leave you."



Enthusiastic graduates smile and laugh during Chaplain McBride's address. This was his last address as a member of the Elon faculty and staff after 25 years.  
Photos courtesy of David Wells.

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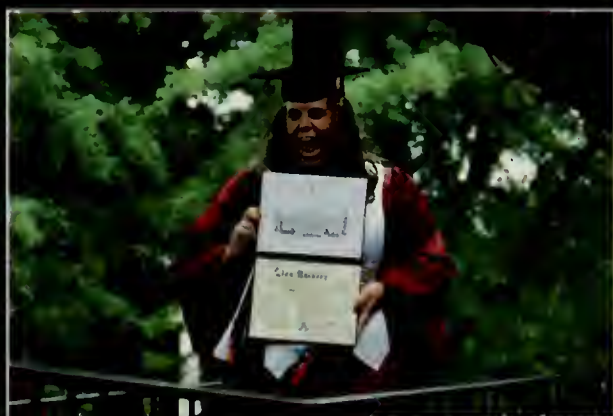
University Chaplain Richard McBride issued his last Elon address titled "Colors and Shapes, Letters and Numbers." Photos courtesy of David Wells.







Graduates take a toast on Chaplain Richard McBride's cue as he ends his commencement address. Photos courtesy of David Wells.



Graduates are all smiles during their 2009 Commencement Ceremonies under the oaks.



Graduate Shelley Russell poses next to 2009 ice sculpture before the ceremony.





Two graduates show their excitement after receiving their diplomas. Photos courtesy of David Wells.





Graduates process from Alumni Gym to Under the Oaks for the ceremony. Photos courtesy of David Wells.



# jessica flammer

**The Academic Scholar.** Graduating a year early with a double major in political science and public administration, Jessica is a determined student to say the least. In her spare time she has served as the President of Pi Sigma Alpha, participated in Model United Nations Society, served on the Council of Civic Engagements, and has been an active participant of SGA serving as a Council Liaison and Organization Academic Seat. Jessica interned at the Department of the Treasury last summer in Washington D.C. (picture below) where she was inspired to a future in law. After graduation Jessica will be starting Law School at Stetson University on a full scholarship and with no doubt will become a successful lawyer.

Story by Laura Brainer







Matthew Alberto



Seanna Bird



Kendra Birkley



Glenn Barnard



Joy Baxter



Michael Blake



Dianna Blancardi



Elisa Bookman



Thomas Boyd



Laura Bradford



Christopher Briggs



Vanessa Buhman



Craig Campbell



Alison Cannon



Lauren Chambers



Jessica Churback



Ivy Crank



Anthony Custardo



Megan Daly



Brendan Dawal



André Dimuzio



Maureen Donahue



Lindsay Eney



Katelyn Fischetti



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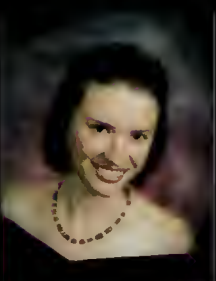
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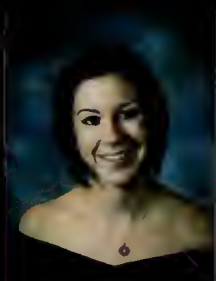
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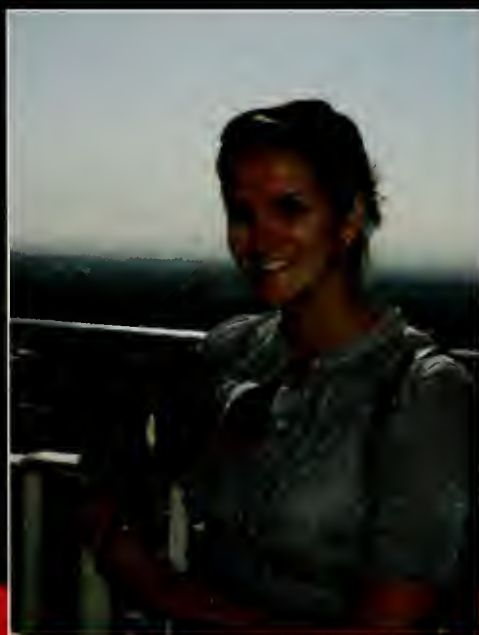
Michael Lawson



# emily favret

**The Leader.** Emily is the epitome of a perfect Elon student. Being a leadership fellow and an avid member of Isabella Cannon Leadership program, Emily is one to lead the community. She has served as a new student orientation leader, is university guide and is part of ICLP lead team. In addition, this past semester Emily has worked in the Communications building helping younger students find strong internships and organize their resumes. She has held three internships throughout her experiences at Elon at Ketchum in Washington D.C., and Madrid, and at Hisaoka public relations. This spring, Emily will graduate with a Corporate Communications major and hopes to work with Ketchum in Washington D.C. or New York City.

*Story by Laura Brainer*



# jenna raffio

**The world traveler.** Through her four years at Elon, Jenna has traveled to a myriad of places through Elon's study abroad programs including Australia, Greece and London; and this is just by foot. Jenna also participated in Ocean-Mester, where she lived in a 110 foot schooner sail boat for a semester traveling 6,100 nautical miles across Europe, Africa and the Caribbean. Her love for traveling has inspired her to join the Peace Corps after graduation in Tanzania. The coolest thing? Jenna has a piece of artwork from every country she has visited.

*Story by Laura Brainer*







Ashley Little



Jennifer Litzenberger



Greg Livengood



James Lynch



Scott MacDougall



Benjamin Marsh



Michelle Massie



Joanns Matthews



Meredith McNeill



Jill Medhus



Travis Meeks



Jordan Mohr



John Nagel



Emery Nelson



Thienquoc Nguyen



Samantha Noble



Patrick O'Dell



Douglas Pearce



Kyle Pelligra



Cynthia Pope



Amy Reinouer



Kirsten Rhodes



Garrett Ross



Andrew Sadler



Kathleen Schneider



Samuel Slaughter



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Kathy Stewart



Miya Sundhill



Victoria Van Dem Hagen



Katherine Velez



Katie Volkerding



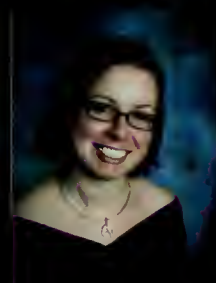
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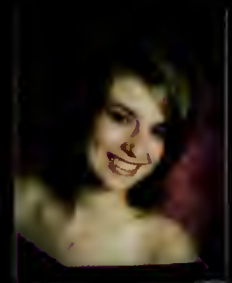
David Watson



Rebecca Watts



Chris White



Kyle Wiggins-Rowan



James Williams



Tiffany Williams-Coble



Richard Wysor



# tim happer

**The all-star athlete.** You've most likely have seen him suited up on the playing field as Elon's defensive end, which he has played for the past four years. The full athletic scholarship recipient has been a three-year Varsity letterman starter and has contributed to the Elon Football program's best record in 10 years. Although Tim is a star on the field, he is also a huge Business buff with a major in Business Administration and Marketing. He hopes that after leaving Elon he will enter the field of sales or financial consulting, although his love for football will still remain.

Story by Laura Bralner



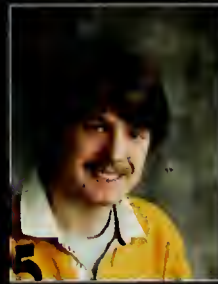
# kyle perren



Milena Alvarez



Alexandra Anderson



James Anderson



Tyler Anderson



Christopher Antal



Robert Argue



Jennifer Austin



Stephen Azar



Bris Ballard



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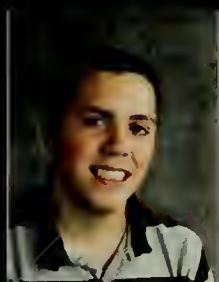
Zach Blank





**The public speaker.** With a double major in Philosophy and Political Science, freshman Kyle Perren is very good with public speaking. An active member of Elon's model UN, Kyle has received oral commendation already as a freshman for his competitive performances. However, Kyle is also a huge theater buff. The coolest thing of all? This summer he will be co-starring opposite Evan Rachel Wood, from "Across the Universe," in Theatre in the Park's production of Romeo and Juliet.

Story by Laura Brainer



Peter Bock



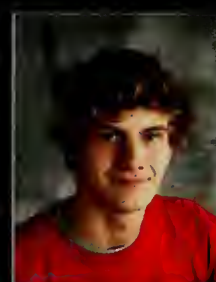
Amanda Bodenmann



Ian Boyd



Meghan Britain



Stefan Brod



Susannah Brooks



Catherine Brophy



Amanda Brown



Caitlyn Byrne



Jadyn Cahral



Morgan Cannino



Chris Carmichael



Christina Carter



Britney Caughell



Meagan Chieppor

**The community activist.** As one of the key coordinators of Elon's Green Team, Meredith Naughton has a passion for helping the environment and the community. Through her experiences at Elon she has organized Earth Week along with many other awareness events to help local farms. With a high interest in the Slow Food Movement, Meredith will be spending her summer working on an organic produce farm in Massachusetts where she will get first-hand experience of the farm life. For many people this would be a hobby; however, Meredith's aspiration is to own her own therapeutic boarding school on a farm that uses holistic healing techniques.



Story by Laura Brainerd



Rachel Cieri



Jonathan Citty



Susan Cogswell



Corey Cooper



Elisabetta Cooper



Sarah Costello



Travis Counsell



Kara Cowdrick



Lesley Cowle



Molly Cox



Catherine Creeden



Megan Cunningham



Nicole Deering



Elise Delmerico



Claire Derrcherry



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Stefan Dimuzio



Katherine Dirks



Rebecca Dotson



Brooke Dyson



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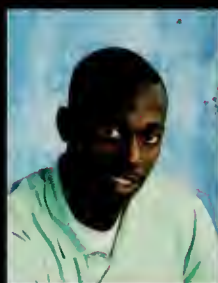


Amber Glenn-Thomas

# james wesley lynch



Lindsay Grech



Gregory Hairston



Katie Hall



Brea Hamilton



Theresa Helmer



Amelia Helms



Emily Henderson



Kaitlin Henze



Mallory Hinzman



Meaghan Howard



Caroline Howell



Kathryn Huffman



Ben Huggins



Cam Jessup



Anna Johnson





**The Over-Achiever.** Junior James Wesley is a busy bee around Elon's campus.

Participating in a myriad of organizations such as Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, Pi Sigma Epsilon Marketing Fraternity and Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Fraternity he still has time for his double major of Political Science and Public Administration. In addition, James is the President of the InterFraternity Council (IFC) and the President of the North Carolina Student Legislature. If that's not enough James has had several internships including one with the North Carolina Democratic Party, Coldwell Banker Real Estate and the Democratic Alliance Party located in South Africa.

*Story by Laura Brainer*



Kaya Jones



Phil Karavlan



Alexandra Karr



Joseph Kiernan



Christopher Kilgore



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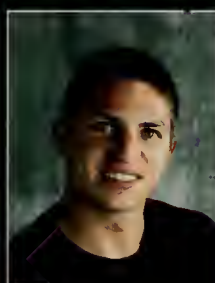
**Our next president.** As a sophomore, Justin Peterson has already had much experience in the government field. If a Political Science major wasn't enough, Justin has had much experience through activities. Serving as president of the Class of 2011 for two years, Justin was recently voted to serve as the executive SGA president for the upcoming school year. Although he is politically involved on campus, Justin does still like to have fun in his free time. As a North Carolina native, Justin enjoys spending time with his family on his horse farm in Raleigh. His favorite free time activity? "Driving with windows down in my pickup truck, listening to country music and drinking sweet tea".



Story by Laura Brainer



Anne Lukens



David Magida



Mike Margiotta



Brandon Marshall



Clara Martin



Taylor Martin



Tara McFadden



Noah McKay



Jaimie Metellus



Katie Metts



Tristan Miller



Joseph Misko



Tara Nager



Mary Nease



Paige Newson



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Timothy O'Boyle



Kemi Olayegb



Sarah Oldham



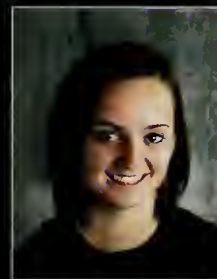
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Maggie Pafos



Matthew Parker



Nicole Parker



Lina Patton



Erin Porter



Sara Portoghesi



Elise Post



Dylan Rails

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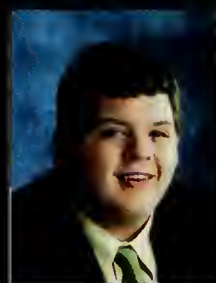
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Elizabeth Roberts



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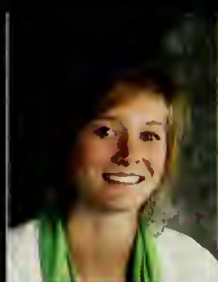
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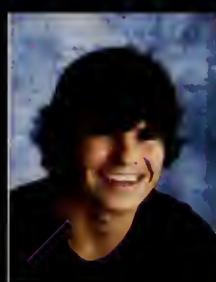
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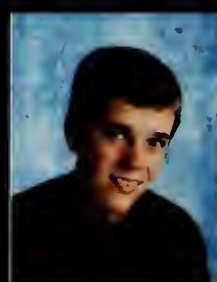
Julia Sayers



Sarah Schermerhorn



Ryan Schneider



Brett Schuchardt





**The perfect resume.** As a Junior at Elon, Jen Divenuti has already had many leadership positions. She is very active in the greek community serving as the past year's Assistant Director of Recruitment and appointed next year's Director of Recruitment for Panhellenic. If that's not enough, Jen is the Assistant Director for Live Oak Communications, a student-run communications agency. With all her extra-curricular commitments she still has time for school, making her a member of both Lambda Pi Eta and Order of Omega, which are Honor Societies on Elon's campus.

**Story by Laura Brainer**



Kristin Schulz



Will Seremetis



Amir Shafiq-Khan



James Shaver



Kate Shirley



Heather Siemienns



Laura Symon



Meredith Silek



Joseph Siler



Erin Silva



Laura Simon



Teri Slusher



Alanna Smith



Katie Smith



Hillary Smithdeal

**The perfect freshman.** As a New Jersey native Brielle Giordano found it hard to be home sick when entering Elon's campus. Just as a freshman, she already has been part of many activities such as Leadership Fellows, Isabella Cannon Leadership Program, SGA senator for both freshman and sophomore year and was recently appointed as the election committee chair. With a Business Major and leadership and psychology minors she definitely knows what she wants to do. However, Brielle still has free time to work as a facilities manager at Campus Rec and have fun with her friends. What more could a parent ask for?

Story by Laura Brainer



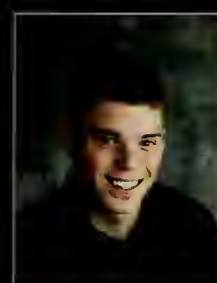
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Jasmine Spencer



Justin Sposito



Andrew Spring



Katherine Spruill



Preston Stanley



Lauren Stranahan



Jonathon Sweeney



Thonda Taylor II



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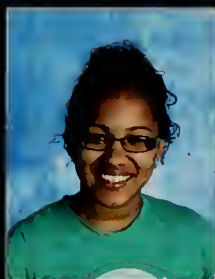
# brielle giordano



Emily Wappus



Merrill Ward



Brittani Washington



Tyler West



Stephanie White



Danielle Whitman



Hannah Williams



Lyllian Wimberly



Liza Wisman



Michelle Wrightman



Laura Wylie



Mary Yost





**Congratulations, Jenni!**

*As you tackle  
the world, hold  
fast to who you  
are and to all  
that you have  
learned...*



*Choke the bird!*



*Much love,  
Mom and Dad*



**I ♥ MM**

**Maggie McNerney  
Class of 2009**

Always Be a Student  
Keep on learning,  
My Maggie.  
Though your graduation's done;  
Your whole life's an education.  
That has only just begun.  
Your diploma is the first big step,  
For knowledge is the special key,  
To winning what you want in life,  
And being who you want to be.  
If you'll always be a student,  
You'll find the secrets to success  
And travel on the golden road  
To good fortune, peace and  
happiness.





# Kara Tucker

"Never do anything to break her spirit...  
Her spirit is her gift!"  
Live out your dream, Sweetie!  
Love, Mom and Dad



Hold onto what you want



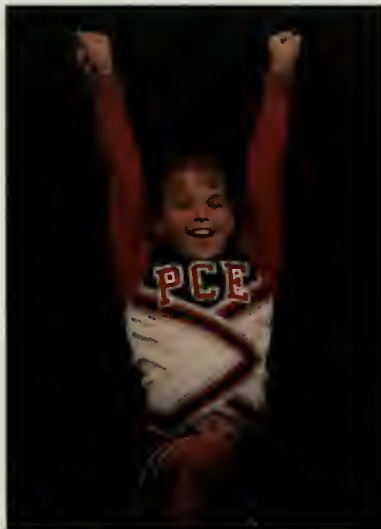
Current events and global  
affairs - always alive in you



HE LOVES ME!



Find your place to crash...  
wherever, whenever.



Cheer on! Never give up.



LET'S PARTY!



Oh well "just work it out."



Hold on to the ones who love you!



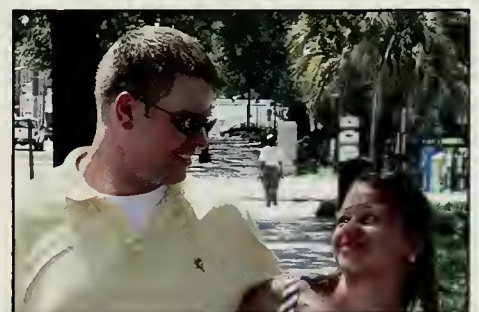
I can do anything.



This is the life!



Catch me if you can!





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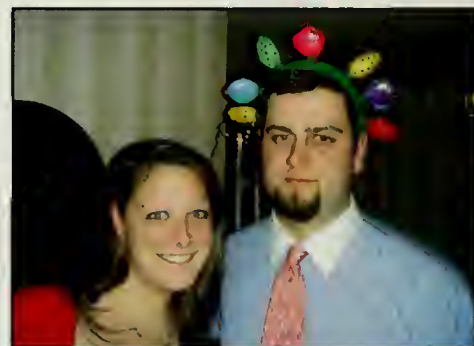
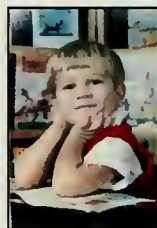
We're so proud of you!

You managed to successfully double major in Business and Brick House...no small feat. We can't wait to see what you do next and we support you every step of the way.

Remember you are your own rainbow 😊

Much Love,

Mom, Chip, Betsy, Chessie, Biscuit and New Bunny



## David Watson



David,

Congratulations!

We are so proud of you. We hope your life continues to be full of wonderful adventures. We wish you great success and joy in life.

Love,

Mom and Dad

## JAMES ROBERT SMEATON, JR.



Rob,



As you continue on your life's path, treasure your memories and look with hope to the future; but be sure to take time to enjoy the journey each day. Our lives are so blessed by you as our son and brother. We love you and are proud of the man that you are.

Congratulations!

With our Love,

Mom, Dad, Dan & Kevin





Yank

# Kyle L. Schutt



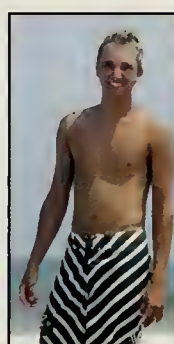
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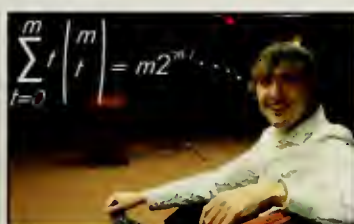
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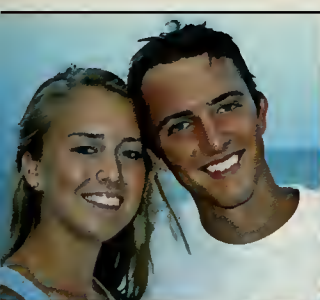
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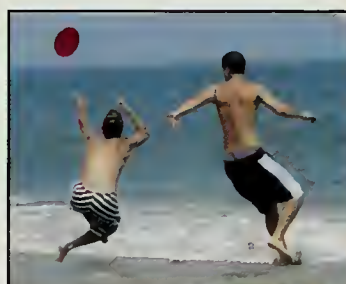
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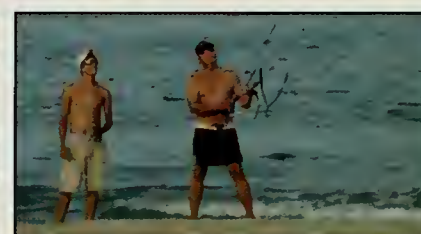
Friendships



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Summer Fun



As you enter the next chapter, face it the way you have previous challenges in your life.

"He who hesitates has lost"

You have made me proud to be your dad and friend!

May God bless your future & I love you.

HUBA HUBA MATE!

# Lauren DeStasio



*This photo reflects you at a time when so much was unknown - the struggles you would have to endure, the disappointments you would have to face and the perseverance you would find to conquer all your challenges.*

*You worked incredibly hard and have achieved so much. You met every difficulty with determination, spirit --- and success!*

*I am beyond proud of you and am confident that you will continue meeting life's struggles with the same fierceness that has already taken you so far.*

*Love,  
Mom*

## RACHEL EPSTEIN

Congratulations our dearest Rachel,



It's hard to believe four years of college have already passed. Once more you have achieved another milestone in your life. Words cannot express how proud we all are of your accomplishments.

We know that these are challenging times for all new graduates, but our wish for you is to find an endeavor you can pursue with passion and achieve happiness and success.



We love you always,  
Mom, Dad, Zach, Luke, Griff and Nala



# Victoria Christine von dem Hagen

From the moment you received your acorn at Elon University's 2005 Convocation until you received your oak sapling at Graduation, it has been one of my greatest pleasures watching your educational and personal growth. You have become the type of Elon graduate who will be a strong, dependable "Giant Oak" in whichever community you are "planted."

**Cheerleading**

**Campus Recreation  
Co-Team Leader**

**Isabella Cannon  
Leadership Program**

**Alpha Xi Delta**

**Costa Rica - U. Latina  
Panama City & Canal**

**International Studies**

**Business**

**Political Science**

**Pi Sigma Alpha  
Honor Society**



## CONGRATULATIONS!

## Love, Mom & Amanda

# Nicole Lynn Olavarria

*Nicole,*



*When born for us you were considered to be precious. Your enthusiasm, eagerness, and energy for learning has always been tremendous. Rivalled only by your gift of giving happiness and joy to others make it all contagious. But no matter what you do or attempt, rest assured it will always be conscientious, since a heart and mind as yours have no boundaries or limitations. So keep reaching for the stars while commanding respect and admiration, because doing anything else will definitely be contentious and not live up to the label of being precious.*

*Love,*

*Mom, Dad, Angel Jr. and Bridgitte*



# JAMES KIECHLIN



JAMES,

CONGRATULATIONS ON ALL YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS AT ELON. WE ARE PROUD OF YOU AND ALL YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED. REACH FOR THE STARS AND NEVER SETTLE FOR SECOND BEST. WE LOVE YOU DEARLY!

LOVE,

MOM, ERICA, AND SAMANTHA



# JILL ANN MEDHUS



YOU ARE OUR SHINING STAR. RISING AS THE PHEONIX.  
WITH MANY PEARLS OF WISDOM.

Your education has awakened an intense desire to fulfill your dreams. You carry the knowledge, human spirit, and ability to build a better world. We are so proud of the educated woman you are, and the love you have shown for all people through your service at Elon University and the global community. May God bless you and guide your life. You graduate with our admiration and joy. Love, Mom, Dad, and Luke.



Pericles Scholars - Zambia, Africa



Kawama - Habitat For Humanity



Homecoming 2008



Alpha Chi Omega - Sisterhood



RSA Exams Crunch Brunch



RSA, SAACURH, NACURH, International Studies - Hong Kong - Singapore - Australia - Africa, and Home



Elon Family Weekend at the Game

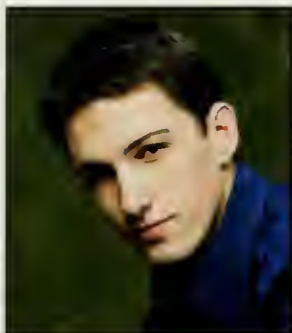


# Kristopher Hazard



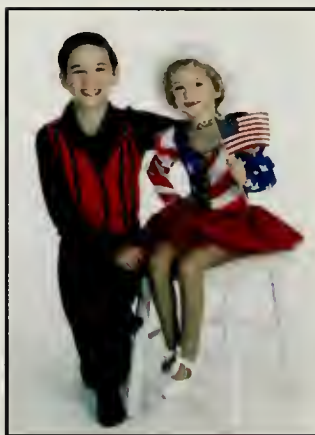
Kris,  
From the day  
you were born  
you were  
always a  
character . . .

We never  
knew what you  
were going to do next, but we always knew  
it would be entertaining and exciting!



endless, and  
your growth  
as a person  
and as a  
performer as  
well as a  
terrific "big  
brother" and  
mentor to  
Kassandra is  
priceless!

As you  
traveled  
through life,  
and sometimes even though it  
was as a "cornboy" in "Wizard of Oz," the  
Yellow Brick Road of life had many turns  
and twists. Somehow you always struggled  
through the tough times and emerged  
stronger and better than ever! Yet, you  
always made us laugh and smile.



always  
brought us  
laughter and  
tears of  
happiness  
and joy!

As you leave  
ELON and on  
to your career,  
know that  
LIFE is a  
JUGGLING  
act and you  
are the  
JUGGLER! Take all the skills, advice,  
love, support and lifetime experiences and  
use them wisely.



We are so proud of all you have overcome,  
accomplished and look forward to all that  
lies ahead . . .



From "Broadway Babies" and performing  
all the time as a child, we have watched  
you grow. Our pride in you as our son is



You were  
born to  
dance and to  
perform!  
Watching all  
your perfor-  
mances, of  
which "there  
were many."



*"Remember to always  
dance as if no one is  
watching!"*

*All our love...  
Dad, Mom,  
Kassandra,  
and your  
entire family*

# Michelle Massie



Congratulations on completing your degree. We are very proud of you. When we  
brought you home from the hospital twenty-one plus years ago, we had such lofty hopes,  
dreams and aspirations for you. They have all been met or surpassed. You are a blessing to  
us in every conceivable way.

Love,  
Dad, Mom and Sean



## Brendan Ernest Dawal



**Brendan,**

*You share your name with a sixth century Irish saint known for his learning and travel. You have traveled and learned much over the years, with the love and support of family, friends and teachers. Now, you reach yet another milestone in your life story. Continue the journey so that later you will find your story to be a great one to read!*

*Love Mom, Dad & Jocelyn*



# JOHN EDGINGTON



## Congratulations!

*We are very proud of your hard work at Elon. We are even more proud of the terrific young man you've become. God bless you and keep you.*

*We love you!  
Dad and Mom*

# WILLIAM BRADFORD LAMMI

Congratulations Brad for all that you have achieved!

You are the pride of our hearts and the joy of our lives!

We Love You,

Mom, Dad &  
All Family Members



# Scott C. MacDougall

*"From kindergarten to college in the blink of an eye"*

Dear Scott,

As you walk proudly into your future -  
Keep love in your heart and faith in your soul;  
Balance confidence with humility;  
And always remember the road home.

Congratulations!

With love,  
Mom, Dad and Steven



# Christopher White

*"We knew you loved the grease paint and camera!"*

As you keep the memories of college friends, fun and hard work forever; we will remember your theater skills, talent and love for life with pride and amazement.



The "red carpet" awaits.

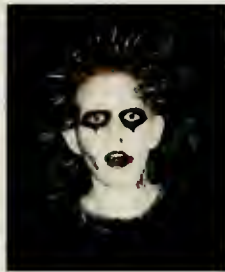
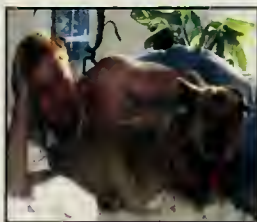
We love you!

Mom, Dad, Rich & Greg





# ALEX ACREE

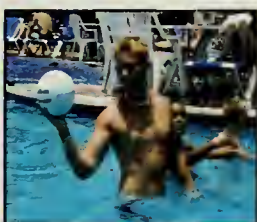
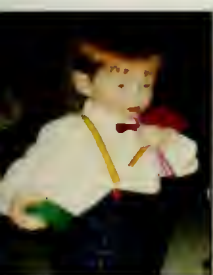


Alex,

You are my heart.  
We love you. It's  
been a long road  
and you made it!

Proudly with love,

Mom and Steve



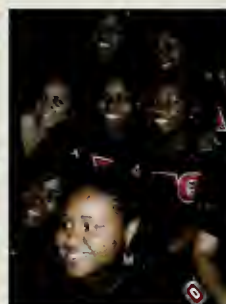
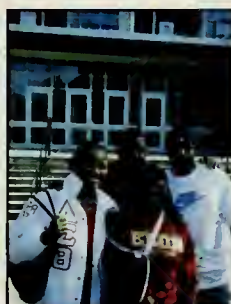
# Paula C. Moore

A daughter is happy memories of the past, joyful  
moments of the present and with God's help has a  
bright future.

You have been and continue to be a wonderful  
daughter, sister and niece.

We have marveled at your  
maturity at such a young age.  
Keep God in your life and you  
will go far. You are our baby!

Love,  
Mom, Dad and Timmie



# Dorian Wamzer

Congratulations!

We are very proud of your accomplishments.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Cupcake, Grandpa, Uncle Char-  
lie, Aunt Aliki, Uncle Glenn, Johnathan, Cousin Ricci,  
Cousin Emille, Sierra, Justing, Uncle Tony, Aunt Meryl,  
Marilyn, Brian, Family Friends and Neighbors



Kokrobite Beach - Fishing Boat

Oh Ghana, Accra, Kumasi, Ewe Village, Kakum National Park

I will always treasure your culture and beauty!

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# Julian Elijah Martinez



Our Shining Star,

You are such a blessing to us all. You have such  
a zest for life, a passion for learning and a desire  
to do your very best.

Keep God first in your heart, family close and  
let that star of yours shine for the whole world  
to see.

God Bless You. We love you!



# MARIA SMITH



## Congratulations Sweetie!

*We are so proud of you  
and your  
accomplishments!*

*Reach for your dreams,  
continue to believe in  
yourself and you will  
succeed!*

*Love,  
Mom, Dad, Charles  
& Jackson*



# Alissa Wilke

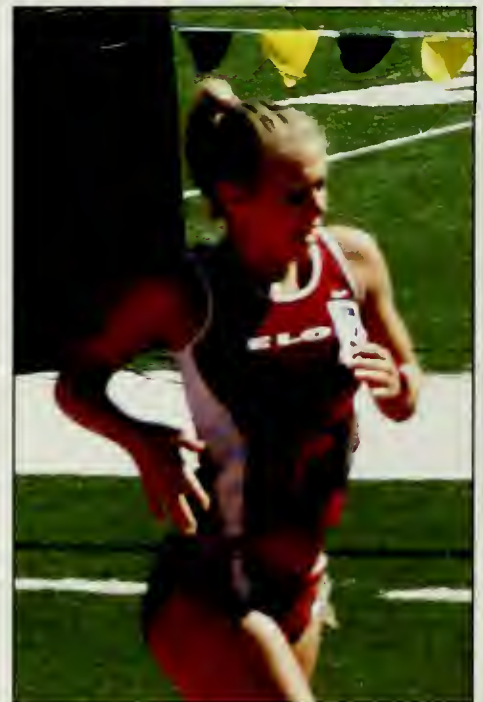
## Congratulations Alissa!

You have worked hard and believed in yourself, demonstrating the courage to never give up on your dreams.

We are very proud of you on becoming a college graduate and for your many other accomplishments...but even more proud to have such a wonderful person as a daughter and sister.

Continue to strive for your dreams and your future will be filled with success and happiness.

*Love,  
Mom, Dad, Ryan & Kelsey*

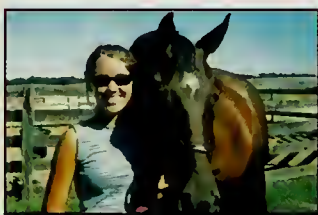




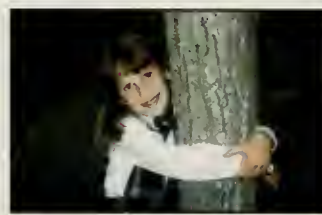
# ASHLEY PRICE



*"What lies  
behind us and*



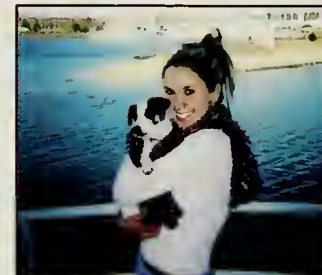
*Follow your  
heart, Ashley!*



*What lies  
before us are*



*Our love and  
support are  
forever yours!*



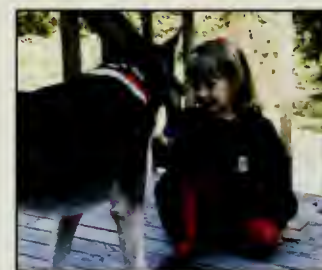
*Tiny matters  
compared*

*To what lies  
within us."*

*R.W. Emerson*



*Mom & Dad*

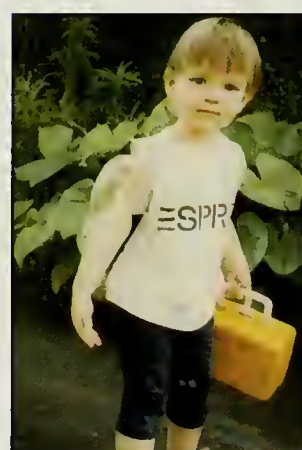


# Jordan Mohr

**J, from your 1st of school in Indonesia to the last day at Elon, we have enjoyed every minute of your amazing journey. We are so proud of the competent, considerate, compassionate young man you have become.**

**Congratulations!**

**Love,  
Mom, Dad and Ty**



*There will come a time when you believe everything is finished. Yet that will be the beginning. -Louis L'Amour*

# Michael C. Blake

"SIMPLY THE BEST"

Michael,

It has been wonderful watching you grow into such a fine young man.

We are extremely proud of you!

As you embark on your career remember the words of William Arthur Ward.

*"The mediocre teacher tells.  
The good teacher explains.  
The superior teacher demonstrates.  
The great teacher inspires."*

We love you,

Mom, Dad and John



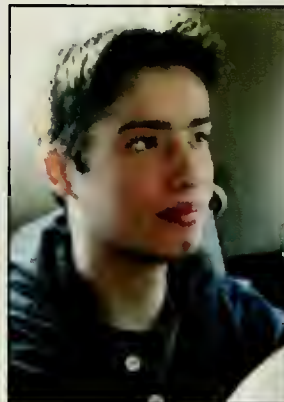
# Glenn Barnard

Glenn,

We wish you congratulations on your graduation from Elon University.

You have come a long way to this day and have shown incredible amounts of strength, fortitude and endurance.

You have fulfilled part of your dreams in life and Mom and I are so very happy for you.



As you continue your journey, never stop believing in yourself and in what you can accomplish.

And, most importantly, never stop knowing that we are very proud of you. You are a hero and we are honored to be your parents.

Good luck to you as you go forward in life!

Love,

Mom, Dad, Lee & Kevin

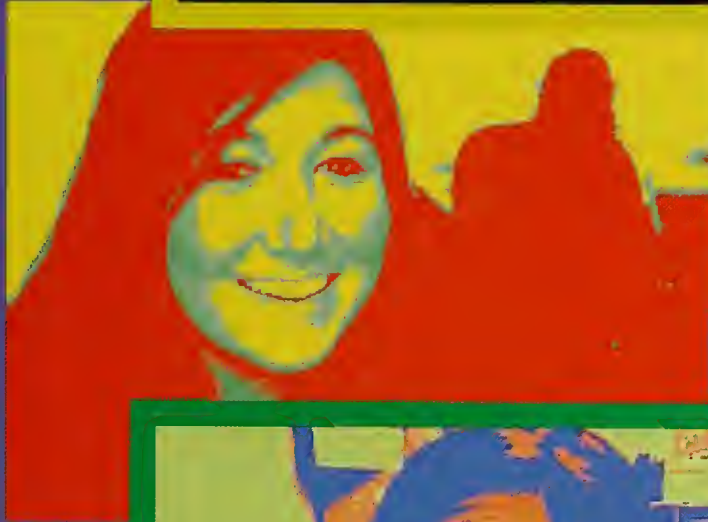


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The 94th edition of Elon University's Phi Psi Cli yearbook was produced by the 2009 Phi Psi Cli staff. Taylor Publishing of Dallas, Texas, printed 1,000 copies of the 208-page all-color book. Free copies of the yearbook were distributed to students, faculty and staff and sent home to class of 2009 graduates, at their request.

The 2009 theme, log in, was created by the executive staff during the fall of 2008. The theme was chosen because the editors believe that the yearbook should represent the virtual and technological world, where interaction among the media is very common. A common characteristic seen in the yearbook is students outside of the yearbook staff writing stories and taking pictures, further increasing their involvement with their yearbook and memories.

The 2009 edition covers from June 2008 until May 2009. The book was created using Adobe Indesign CS2 on Mac computers. All body copy was set in 10-point EricT, Roman. Captions were set in 9-point EricT, Roman. All page headlines were done in either Eurostyle, Regular or Bold, EricT, Roman, or Poplar Std.

The cover is matte-black with white text and white embossed design elements on .160 binder boards. All pages are printed on 100-pound paper.

The colors seen below were used within the book to identify each selection. The colors, from left to right, were used for the following sections: student life, organizations, arts, academics, study abroad, sports, people and advertisements.

Lifetnuch Studios of Burlington, N.C., photographed all underclass and senior students on designated photo days throughout the year. Pictures on all pages were either submitted by students or photographed by a member of the Phi Psi Cli staff.

The staff of Phi Psi Cli would like to thank all those who made this book possible, including, but not limited to: all students who submitted pictures and stories, the Media Board for their guidance, and our adviser, Randy Piland, for his continued support and advice. Finally, I would like to thank our Taylor representative, Erion Hunter, for being a mentor, adviser, and great friend over the past six years that I have known him. He believes in what he does, and brings joy and enthusiasm to many high school and college yearbooks. Through his help and dedication from the Phi Psi Cli staff, the 2009 yearbook is truly great. Thank you for all of your help.

## Preston Stanley

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